

St. Bede's Weekly Newsletter



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It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They looked refreshed and eager to learn, I can't believe how fast this year has gone and that we are already preparing for the new academic year!

The **Statement to Live By** this week is *I try to forgive people when they hurt me.* In assembly on Monday the children were able to talk about how it helps us to forgive so that we can move on.

In Autumn last year Pope Francis launched the **Share the Journey** campaign and called on each and everyone of us to step up our support for refugees and migrants. This September World leaders will agree new UN agreements on refugees and migrants this is our opportunity to step up.

St. Bede's Parish is hosting a Share the Journey walk around Bedlington on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th June and school are supporting by also walking around the local area. There is no need for additional consent forms as the local area consent signed at the beginning of the year will cover this.

The parish are providing refreshments in the church hall following the walk, anyone wishing to join with the parish on the walk are very welcome.

This Sunday we head back into **Ordinary Time** and the Gospel tells us about the time when Jesus was challenged about his ministry and how his family was left outside the house he was in. Jesus then explained how everyone he was with was his family. It is important that we do remember we are all part of God's family.

Yesterday Years 3 & 4 visited the **Countryside Show at Wooler**, this is an annual event that we usually attend. It allows the children to appreciate where our food comes from and how important the industries in the countryside are to our well-being. The children had a wonderful if not tiring day out and the school flag came 6th in the competition and will be displayed on the show ground in Wooler throughout the show time.

Reminder

The children who are making their **First Holy Communion** are expected to attend confession before the 23rd June. Confessions are held every Saturday morning from 11am – 12noon at St Roberts Morpeth and 5pm at St Bede's. Please make sure that your child receives this sacrament again before the receive Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Day arrangements.

- *After the children's session at Church on the 12th June we will meet with parents to discuss how the day will be organised.*
- *The photographer will be in Church from 9am ready to take individual photographs; they will take a group photo at 9.30am and then pack up. After the Mass you will be able to take your own photographs.*
- *A First Holy Communion breakfast for the children will be provided by the Parish and School in the Church Hall following Mass. This is usually finished by noon.*
- *Teas and coffees will also be available for family and friends.*
- *There will be reserved seating in the church for the immediate family members.*

If you have any other questions at this time please do ask.

St Bede's is a community of faith, love and respect

- Inspiring us to achieve

St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy are seeking to appoint three new **Foundation Governors**. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic, whose nomination is made with approval of the Parish Priest. As the Foundation Governor is appointed by the Bishop they must fully support the Catholic ethos of the school and diocese. The school needs Governors who have a particular interest in specialist subjects to assist with the monitoring of standards in School. Since a particular set of skills for the role is needed, an opportunity to meet the Chair of Governors will be arranged before any appointment is fully confirmed. If you feel you could take on the role of Foundation Governor, please speak to Father Peter.

We have noticed that unfortunately out of school hours we have had **intruders** on our school site. We would ask that those living near the school site are vigilant and report any suspicions to the police. The children, staff and governors are working very hard with improving the school environment so that opportunities for all of the children can be enhanced, it would be awful for these facilities to be damaged.

Thank you to all of those of you who have completed the **Survey Monkey questionnaire**. The aim of the questionnaire is to gain the views of parents and carers with regard to the recommendations made from Children North East and their Poverty Proofing Audit. We want to create a community where all children feel secure and so that involves school and parents working together. If you have been unable to complete the survey yet please do so, having a broad view point is so important. The comments already made have created much food for thought.

It is still a while away but we are in a position to let you know now who is teaching which year group next year there are not many changes.

Nursery – Miss Grigg
Reception – Mrs Hart and Mrs White
Year 1 – Miss Collins
Year 2 – Mr Wright
Year 3 – Miss Rowley
Year 4 – Mr Philips
Year 5 – Mrs Young
Year 6 – Miss Clark

On Wednesday this week **Year 5** visited Monkton Stadium on South Tyneside to take part in the School Sports Partnership Athletics tournament. The children's behaviour was impeccable and we are so proud of this achievement – they should have received a gold medal for that. On the track and field they came in second position and so again we are immensely proud of their achievements there too. Well done Year 5!

Year 4 have been taking part in an enterprise project with **Leading Link** and **St Robert's First School Morpeth**. They will be selling their wares at Morpeth Market on Wednesday 13th June. The children will spend the day at St Roberts School and then walk to the market to become traders for an hour. They will need to; wear school uniform, bring a packed lunch and ensure they have a coat if the weather is inclement as they will be at their stall for an hour. Below are the time slots that each group will have at the market. All members of our community are encouraged to visit the market to purchase from the stall.

9.30- 10.15- Fishy Fun
10.15 – 11- Rock N Roll
11.-11.45- Bedlington Book Marks
11.45 -12.30- Creative Kids
12.30- 1.15- Black Nights (CD's)
1.15- 2pm- Emoji (balloon squashies)

Mrs Will is running a **gardening club** on a Monday after school. They have been very busy clearing, building, planting and watering. We would like to thank the allotment holders around school for their support and generosity in providing plants and equipment. We have also had offers of help from our community with developing the garden area. Should there be any more green fingered volunteers who wish to support us further please get in touch with us.