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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's Gospel is the story of the prodigal son. This gives us the message that God will always forgive us if we are truly sorry for our mistakes. How well do we live this out in our own lives?

British Values

Respect people of all ages.

Year of Mercy

Find someone we don't normally get on with and do something kind of them.

Year 1 Liturgy

Year 1 showed great reverence and understanding in their Liturgy this morning - well done Year 1.

First Holy Communion

This Saturday sees the next Mass in the programme for our children. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on this important journey.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all who have attended this week for Nursery to Year 4. These are valuable times for both parents and school. We welcome your comments. Next week will be the turn of Year 5 and 6, so please make sure you have booked your appointment. If you have been unable to see your child's teacher this week and would like to meet up, then please contact them for a convenient time.

Book Orders

All book orders must be returned by Friday 11th March.



Howtown

The children and staff are having a brilliant time in the Lake District. It has been very quiet around school- not sure if that's because Mr Groark is with them! To see how they are doing you can view some interesting updates on our Twitter page, follow us at @stbedesrbed. We look forward to their safe return later today between 3.30 and 4pm, Twitter will be updated with their progress. Parents are welcome to wait after school in the Year 6 classroom until the bus arrives back at school if they wish.



School Holidays and Training Days

Should you be unaware of any school closure dates these can be found on our website- <http://www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk/website> or via the county council website www.northumberland.gov.uk. This gives dates of teacher training dates which are set before the start of every academic year. St Bede's comes under the St Benet Biscop RC Partnership. Each year there are 5 days for teacher training. I also have to write these on my kitchen calendar so I'm not caught out with my own kids.

Congratulations

Congratulations Libby Freeman in year 4, who has competed in the Northumberland and Durham County Swimming Championship Gala recently. She is now the fastest in Great Britain for 50, 100 and 200m at Backstroke for 9 year olds and also the fastest in the County Championship for 200m for 10 and 11 year olds. Pretty good when you are 9 years old! I asked her in assembly if she could build us a swimming pool when she is rich and famous, so Bedlington may get a pool in the future.

Next Friday

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 11th March. The children are invited to dress up as a book character for the day or come into school in a onesie with a bedtime book.

Also at 8am on Friday 11th March we will be joining in with Britain's Biggest Breakfast event to raise money for Cancer Research. All members of the community are welcome to join us. Any donations of breakfast food that you may have would also be gratefully accepted from Thursday 10th March.



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