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Dear Parent/Carers

This week the Gospel refers to God as the Vine. It draws the analogy that as a plant will bear fruit only when connected to the main body of the plant, we too will only really truly reach our potential when we are close to God.

As a school, we put Christ at the centre of our work and I ask, that you as parents support this work, as together we strive to achieve everything possible for our children.

Make a Noise for Bedlington This is a gathering taking place in the Market Place on Saturday 2 May to raise awareness of the appalling lack of resources in Bedlington. As I get to know the area, I am always shocked as to how few amenities are here in a very sizeable and growing town.

Rugby Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in the tag Rugby Festival on 7 May in the afternoon. Apparently they have asked for three crates of Brown Ale and the lyrics of some questionable songs for the bus.

Absence Procedure~ If your child is absent from school, please ring school on 01670 822389 before 9.00am or send a text to 'school comms', on 01670 432014. This is absolutely essential to ensure the safety of your child.

Payment for trips Please pay promptly for trips.

Reading Everybody Every Night. Please ask your child questions about their book when listening to them read.

Meet the Governors My name is Kathleen Dobie and I am the Vice Chair of Governors for St Bede's Primary School. I'm from Scotland and have lived very happily in Northumberland for 17 years. Although I don't have much experience in Education, I have a business background and as a Senior Manager in a major British company I am experienced in Strategic Change Management amongst other business



disciplines. I retired a few years ago and now have the time to enjoy pursuing the hobbies and interests I didn't have much time for when I was working. As you can see from my picture I'm a keen walker and I'm sure you'll spot Bamburgh Castle in the background. I also enjoy the Cinema, Travel, Music and Cooking. I've been involved with the School since September 2012 as a Foundation Governor and believe the business experience I have can add value. I hope to support Damian and his Staff to enable them to deliver the best Education they can for the children in their care. St Bede's has a bright future ahead and I look forward to working with Joan and the Governing Body to develop a school to be proud of on behalf of the young people, parents and staff within our community.

New Website Please note our new website is 'www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk'. Unfortunately this will not come to the top on Google search so please save it as a favourite.

Number Bonds to Ten Can your child answer sums like this $6+4=10$ quickly. Extend by $60+40$, $600+400$, $6000+4000$.

http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/count_on_me/eng/Introduction/plenary.htm

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

These really are excellent games to play with your child.

Mrs Young 'Marathon Woman' Mrs Young would like to say thank you to all of the parents and children who supported her on her Marathon Adventure.

I like many of you, last week were constantly keeping her in your thoughts as she took on this epic challenge, 'What a Star!' She is the first teacher I have ever given a 'Headteacher's Award' to.

Year 3 Visit to Great North Museum Year 3 will be visiting the Great North Museum next week on Tuesday 5 May, leaving at 9.00am and returning for 3.00pm.

Parish Mass Well done to the readers and servers who took part in the 10.00 Mass last Sunday. We were very proud of you all and it was lovely to see the Parish Community. We are very lucky. If you have not been to Mass for a while and you wish to return, I can guarantee that you will receive a warm welcome.

Family Night The Family Night last week was a huge success. I think we will be looking at extending the hours next time and having a wider range of games. Please contact school or any of Friends of St Bede's with any feedback. Personally it was lovely to see and speak to many parents and grandparents in a relaxed social atmosphere. A huge thanks to Peter and Helen Denton for running the 'Deal or No Deal'.

Friends of St Bedes next meeting will be on Monday 11 May at 3.00pm in Year 3 Classroom – please come and shape our future.

Bikes and Scooters Please remember, all people (adults and children) must dismount from scooters and bikes at the main gate, please do not ride them in the school yard unless I can have a turn! (only joking!)

I hope you all have a lovely family Bank Holiday.

Damian Groark
Headteacher

This Saturday 'I will be mainly be supporting Newcastle'.