

St. Bede's Weekly News



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Last weekend's Gospel shared with us how we should allow mistakes and help each other to grow from them. The fig tree parable helped us understand this when the gardener asked the owner to allow another year to bear fruit. Can we do this for each other? Allowing time to grow.

This weekend Luke tells us the story of the Prodigal Son and how he repented for his mistake and his father took him back. Again the message is forgiveness and allowing changes.

During this Lenten time it is good to reflect upon how we seek forgiveness and also show forgiveness.

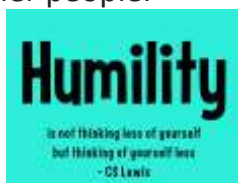


Today we have been in our houses at school. The children from Rec up to Year 6 have come off timetable and spent time together as a house family. Activities have involved litter and recycling walk, a surprise for mother's day, coding and dance. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents and staff that helped the children have such a fun day!



The statement to live by this week has been **I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.** Resilience is something that we at school are hoping to help the children develop.

Next week the statement will be **I know what humility means.** The children will be aiming to continue to be confident in themselves but to also think more of other people.



The Year 5 and 6 children also had a chance to meet with John McCabe who is one of the candidates for the North of Tyne Mayoral Election. As part of teaching British Values the children were able to listen to what the election is about and what the elected mayor will be expected to do.

The children then had a chance to question John McCabe on his views and what he would like to do if he was elected.

This informal discussion proved valuable to the children as they were able to ask the independent candidate about issues that were important to them.

Attendance during the last week was 95.4% unfortunately this has not reached the target of 96%

Well done to Y4 who achieved 99.3% and had the best attendance in the school.

Following the resignation of Miss Kennedy as Office Manager, the governors have appointed Mrs Barratt as Office Manager. The governors will soon be recruiting an Admin Assistant to support in the office but in the interim time Mrs Lee who has been helping us for a couple of weeks will continue to support. The governors wish to thank both ladies for their hard work.

The school office is staffed between the hours of 8am and 4.30am; outside of these times we cannot guarantee that there is anyone to answer any queries.



We have been informed that Whitley Memorial First School and West End First School both hope to consult on becoming primary schools. This is in addition to Meadowdale Academy taking forward their plan to become a primary school. This proposal has been taken to the Department for Education to decide whether it is a viable proposition.

For the benefit of the families in Bedlington, St Bede's hopes that this is resolved soon so that uncertainty about which routes children should take through their school time can be removed.

This year we are going to have a theme for Glastonbede. We are going to be using songs from the 80s.

The children will be learning about this decade in the run up to Glastonbede on July the 17th.

We hope to have performers and audience celebrating voguish shoulder pads, voluminous hairstyles and smouldering stares. For fans of the 80s we are gifting you the chance to dress-up and glamour yourselves to escape from the humdrum of life.

If there are any parent groups who fancy performing on stage I'm sure we can find a slot for you in the line-up. So come on Eileen jump and get physical, call me as I'm so excited and don't become another brick in the wall.

Glastonbede – another day in paradise!



Please do not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up children from the B 'n' T club or afterschool clubs. The aim of this is to keep things safe for the children as it can be busy at these times. Thank you

These are the dates for the summer assessments that we have to report to the Department for Education it is important that your child is in school so that an accurate measure can be reported.

Year 1 - Phonics screening check throughout week commencing **Monday 10 June 2019**

Year 2 - tests that support teachers assessment are throughout **May 2019**

Year 6 – SATS throughout week commencing Monday 13th May

IMPORTANT DATES

5th April	10 am Whole School Mass at Church
5th April	Break up 3.05pm for Easter
6th April	4.15pm First Holy Communion Session followed by Fruit of the Vine Mass
23rd April	Teacher Training day
24th April	Return to school