

St. Bede's Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome back everyone!

It was so lovely to see all the children's smiling faces this week, I felt immensely proud during assembly on Tuesday when the school was sitting in front of me. I hope that you parents have had a wonderful time with your children over the break.

Welcome to all of our new children and families, some in Nursery, some in Reception Class and also new additions to some other year groups. We hope you are all happy at St Bede's.



Summer 2018 results

Please see below the results of our reportable data for last academic year. We are so proud of what the children achieved and I would like to thank you the parents and the school staff for their support and encouragement with the children. To date the national average data for 2018 has not been published for all ages and so for the moment we have added the 2017 national average as a comparison.

| Year Group | At expectation | National average for 2017 |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| End of Reception | 72% | 71% |
| Year 1 Phonics | 83% | 81% |
| Year 2 Reading | 90% | 76% |
| Year 2 Writing | 80% | 68% |
| Year 2 Maths | 90% | 75% |
| Year 6 Combined | 72% | 64% |
| Year 6 Reading | 79% | 75% |
| Year 6 Writing | 79% | 78% |
| Year 6 Maths | 79% | 76% |
| Year 6 GPS | 83% | 78% |

Today we have introduced Hot Chocolate Friday. Each week the class teachers will pick one child from the class who has followed our vision without any fuss. The children from throughout school will come to my office and we will have hot chocolate and biscuits (other drinks will be available should they be required). We will spend 20 minutes just chatting and drinking – a nice way to end the week!

Reception Class and any children over the age of 5 can order milk through the company we use, **Cool Milk**. Please ask at the office if you have any queries. www.coolmilk.com

A prayer from our Chair of Governors for the beginning of the year

Loving God.

Another term begins and we come back to school
Refreshed and restored by the break,
Grateful for those we share our lives with,
For the memories of the past few weeks,
For the opportunities we have, which are denied
To so many in our world today.

We come back to school pleased to see our friends,
Determined to make the most of our talents,
To grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be,
To turn over a new leaf, perhaps,
To make up for the times we were less than our best self.
We come back to school and are grateful
For the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings,
For the optimism and good humour in the air.

Bless our school, keep us safe and well,
Keep us on the right path.
Bless our teachers and support staff
Who look after us and help us to grow in knowledge and skills.
Bless the new pupils and staff
As they begin their journey with us,
May they very quickly feel at home.
Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God,
To make the world more just and compassionate
Beginning here at St Bede's,
Our home from home.

Amen.

Choir will start again on Wednesday the 12th September. Any pupils wishing to join from Years 3 – 6 are welcome to do so. They will need collecting from Year 3 classroom at 4pm.

We have been in contact with some local residents whose property backs onto the **path on Catholic Row**. Sadly they are experiencing some litter in their back gardens including cigarette ends, lighters and other discarded items.

Please be mindful, if you are using the path, that there are private gardens along there. Let us show the residents what a wonderful and respectful school community we are.

St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy is holding an Open Evening on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 from 6.45 pm onwards. The Open Evening will begin with a presentation in the hall at 7.00 pm, followed by an opportunity to tour the school.

All parents from St Bede's are welcome to attend as this is an opportunity to hear from John Foster who has been appointed as Executive Headteacher of St Benet Biscop and CEO of Pax Christi for this year.

Next week the **teachers** would like to give you all the opportunity to **meet with them** and find out the expectations for the children this year. This is going to be an informal presentation where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions relevant to the year group your child has moved to. The meetings will be held in the classrooms. If you cannot make the planned meeting and wish to speak with your child's teacher please arrange an alternative time with them.

The gardening club would love the help of some strong person or persons to turn over their allotment patch. Sadly the vegetables have suffered due to the high temperatures this summer.

Mrs Will would like to remove them and then have the area prepared for the clubs next crops.

Please let the office staff or Mrs Will know if you can help.



Year 1 Tues 11th September 4pm
Year 2 Tues 11th September 4pm
Year 3 Tues 11th September 3.10pm
Year 4 Tues 11th September 3.10pm
Year 5 Wed 12th September 4pm
Year 6 Wed 12th September 4.30pm

St Bede's Homework – September 2018 (Years 1 – 6)

Spellings for each half term will be glued into the front of your child's homework book. The spellings will also be available to view and download via our School Website. All children throughout KS1 & KS2 will be tested on their Spellings every Friday.

English homework will primarily focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) topics and will consolidate and extend learning that has taken place in class during the week.

Maths homework will consolidate and extend the areas that the children have been learning about in class.

Homework will be set across the school on a Friday and will need to be handed back in to the class teacher by the following Wednesday. This will allow children sufficient time to complete their homework either during the week or at the weekend. Children who do not complete homework will be expected to complete it in school during break times.



As part of St Bede's ongoing development of the curriculum, all of the children in school will be using the **outdoor area for learning**. You may have already received a letter with regard to your child's class explaining when their first day is and what they need to bring to school that day. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

Reception Class would like to **buy a new playhouse** for their outdoor area. They are going to carry out some fundraising to generate some extra finances. If you could help any way or if you know of any companies who may be willing to help please let us know. Our children need you!



We are hoping to improve the **afterschool clubs** that we offer to the children. Last year there was not a very good take up of the clubs and they were run at a loss to the school. Please complete this survey so that we can plan some new clubs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MLN5GWF>

