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Dear Parents/Carers,

Jesus is the greatest of all the teachers. This week we hear one of his greatest stories. He made this story up to demonstrate to the people of the time, that we must love and care for our neighbours no matter who they are or what we think of them. The Jews and the Samaritans were bitter enemies and for the hero of the story to be Samaritan was a deep shock to everyone.

Year of Mercy Show mercy to someone (Good Samaritan)

British Values We have a free press and this is a privilege that we should cherish.

Reports I wish to acknowledge the staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing your child's report. I would remind you that all report slips are to be returned to school by the 12th July. There is a Parents evening to discuss the contents of the reports on Monday 11th July. Please speak to the class teacher if you would like to make an appointment. Staff will be available from 3.05 until 5.30pm.

SATS KS2 This year, as you will of heard, there have been huge changes to the SAT system. I have included below indicative figures for our school versus national.
Well done to year 6 and our staff.

	National	Our School
Reading	66%	79%
SPAG	72%	83%
Maths	70%	62%
Writing Teacher assessed	74%	79%
Combined RW and Maths	53%	48%

As you can see we have done well being above in Reading, SPAG and Writing. We are disappointed in our Maths. As parents, you can help by practising, tables, numbers bonds and getting children to pay for things and work out the change. As a school we will be concentrating on developing our children's ability in reasoning.



KS1 Results At the time of writing we have no national figures but the comparisons I have made with other schools known to me show that we have performed well in all areas but need to be strengthen in Maths.

	Maths	Reading	Writing
Expected plus	72%	83%	79%

Glastonbede 2016 We are all looking forward to our second festival. Please bring along a picnic and join us for lunch on the field from 12, the show begins at 1pm. Friends of St Bede's will be selling cold drinks on the day.

Anglo Saxon Day Fantastic effort by Year 3 and 4 as well as Mr Wright and Miss Middleton. Thank you for your support parents, this does so much to engage and enliven the learning of your children. Can I urge you to take your child to Bede's World in Jarrow, a fantastic way to experience Anglo Saxon life and be in one of the places where St Bede and St Benet lived. This museum nearly shut due to a lack of funds last year and it would be a huge loss to our local history and Culture. (St Bede was a mackem!!!)



Romeo and Juliet This week saw two performances by Year 6 of a musical version of Romeo and Juliet. It was a stunning rendition of the play during the 400th anniversary year of Shakespeare's death.

It was truly amazing, year 6 we are very proud of you, Mrs Young, Miss Jones and Mrs McLeod thank you for staging this superb performance.

The Apprentice In addition to the staging of Romeo and Juliet, teams of Year 6 children were given the brief of designing a poster, tickets and a programme for the performance. They had to pitch their designs to myself and Mr Wright. There was a lot of finger pointing, harsh feedback and high expectation in the board room. The winning teams were the Romiets consisting of Ella, Erin, Niamh, Katie, Isobel and Eloise.

You will have seen their winning design around school, but their knowledge of the play when they made their pitch was excellent. They will be joining us for a high powered business lunch next week.

E-Safety I have some concerns about children playing unsuitable games. 18 ratings are there for a reason, can I remind you that exposing children to inappropriate material is a child protection issue and can result in us making referrals to social services. GTA5 for instance is one of the games that falls into this category. Adult entertainment is exactly that, so be strong and say "no" and don't give in because all of their friends say they have it.

Children no matter how mature they appear, are not able to filter out the attitudes to women, violence and crime that are promoted in such titles.

Important Upcoming Dates

- 11th July- Parents Evening
- 12th July- Nursery Sports
- 13th July- Leavers Mass at 1.30pm in Church
- 14th July- Bastille Day
- 14th July- Sports Day PM
- 18th July- Glastonbede 2016
- 19th July- Leavers Liturgy
- 19th July- School breaks up for summer at 3.05pm
- 20th July- Teacher Training Day
- 5th and 6th Sept- Teacher Training Days
- 7th Sept- Children return to school

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