

St. Bede's Weekly Newsletter



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This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday, this is when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey. He was welcome as a king. Cloaks were placed in front of him on his path as a sign of respect. Today we use palms to symbolise the cloaks. Palms are a widely recognised symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic too; it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

During Holy Week we are coming together to reflect upon the Passion of our Lord

- Monday 26th March at 10am we are all celebrating Mass together in Church
- Wednesday 28th March whole school liturgy in the hall which will focus on reconciliation and reflecting on how Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us
- Thursday 29th March whole school liturgy in the hall, we remember the Passion of Our Lord

All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome at these services as part of St Bede's Community

It's been another busy week at St Bede's....

On Tuesday we invited the author Emily Dodds into school to talk about her book Volcanoes. Yrs 3 & 4 along with children from Cambois Primary and Mowbray Primary enjoyed this visit. If you still wish to purchase a signed copy of the book they are available at the school office.

On Wednesday Year 4 had a trip to Cragside House. Here they learned about early electricity and had a tour of the house. This was good because the public were not in at that time!

Today years 1&2 are visiting Alnwick Gardens with a link to their topic on Fairy Tales. The pictures on Twitter already show how much fun they are having!

Social Media

It is continually important to monitor what our children are doing on the Internet.

Primary age children should not be using social media.

Some of our children have reported that they are using devices in their bedrooms late at night. Please have a chat with your child about this.



A little reminder please do not bring dogs onto the school site even in someone's arms. Thank you for your understanding.



A big thank you to Mr Morton for helping us with the Reception outdoor area. He has moved a raised flower bed in preparation for some work that will be carried out in the Easter holidays to improve the drainage for school.



St Bede's is a community of faith, love and respect

- Inspiring us to achieve

School uniform - please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day.

School uniform consists of

- red sweatshirt or sweat-cardigan
- white shirt
- school tie (clip on or elastic)
- black or grey trousers or shorts (no leggings), skirt or pinafore dress or red and white checked dress
- sensible black school shoes
- PE kit is required consisting of a white T shirt, black shorts and gym shoes
- no jewellery is to be worn in school, standard wristwatches may be worn (no smartwatches)
- St Bede's also discourages extreme hairstyles

As part of usual school monitoring the Governing Body of St Bede's met yesterday evening. One of the items on the agenda was the election of a Chair and Vice Chair. At the moment the Governing Body has vacancies and therefore governors decided that acting positions would be more suitable until the vacant positions are filled. Mr Joe Gallagher was elected as Acting Chair of Governors and Mrs Helen Denton was elected as Acting Vice Chair. I will update you on any changes to these arrangements as they occur. Should you wish to contact the governors at any time this can be arranged through the school office.

Beginning next week we will have a counsellor working in school one day a week. She will work with children to support them through challenges that they may be facing. Play is mainly used to guide the children and help them to understand their emotions. Mrs Nelless is coordinating this work within school. Should you wish to find out any more about this please speak



The Immunisation team now have a link to their services. This link provides information to parents about their vaccination programmes and the vaccines that are given to the children.

<https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations>

Dates for your diary

29th March- Break up for Easter Holidays at 3.05pm

16th April-Teacher Training day

17th April- Children return to school 8.50am

24th April- Music lessons restart

26th April- Year 3 Swimming lessons restart

2nd May- School Photographs

7th May- Bank holiday school is closed

14th May- KS2 SATS

24th May- Disco

25th May- Break up for half term 3.05pm

4th June- Return to school 8.50am