

St. Bede's Weekly News



ST. BEDE'S R.C.V.A.
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This week in Liturgy the children heard about Pope Francis' message of our call to holiness. 'Gaudete et Exsultate' is the Pope's new document (apostolic exhortation). The children heard about how we can all be saints on earth, simple well-meaning actions and thought can make a difference to other people. Throughout this academic year we will be revisiting this call to holiness so that we can live out the Gospel messages in our lives.

Here are some simple messages from Gaudete et Exsultate:-

1. Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church
2. Being holy does not mean you have to be a bishop.
3. The holiness that the Lord calls you to will grow through small gestures
4. It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others
5. Modern technology and consumerism can often leave no room for God's voice
6. Do not be afraid of holiness or of going against the flow
7. Embrace the Beatitudes
8. Do not let the sun go down on your anger
9. Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour
10. God is eternal newness



Parents evening letters for **Wednesday 7th November** went out this week. If you have not received one please contact the office to have one send out.

The statement to live by this week has been **I understand that rights match responsibility**. It would be great if you could talk with the children about this as they found understanding rights a little tricky on Monday.



There is no Year 5 & 6 girls football on Monday 22nd October.



On Monday 22nd October we are holding an open evening where we would like to share with you all that we do at St Bede's and how we would like to improve things further.

The evening begins in the hall at 5.30pm and following a short presentation you will be free to wander around the school to see the classrooms and chat to various staff about all that we do.

On Friday 26th October the children will be taking part in a 'Race for Life' for Cancer Research UK. Sponsor forms and back signs have been sent home. If your child can get sponsors that's great but there is no expectation at all. Should you and your child want to write a loved ones name on the back sign please do so. Please supply safety pins with the back sign and send them in on Friday so they can attach to the back of their PE top. The children will change into PE kit to 'run' the race.



Bede's B n T Club is beginning after the half term break. It will start at 7.30am and close at 5.45pm. At the open evening Mrs Barratt is going to explain how to book sessions and the costings that go with them.

We would still love donations of board games, Lego, dolls (& equipment), small world figures – it's so exciting! I think the staff are going to love playing at the club as much as the children.



When we return after half term we will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. St Bede's will also join together with the town on 11th November 2018. Anyone wishing to join with us please meet at 2pm outside the Salvation Army. The parade will be leaving at 2.15pm and the service starting at 2.30pm at the War Memorial on Front Street. Should the children wish to wear their school uniform they are very welcome to – it's lovely to have pride in their community. This is always a lovely service where the sense of community within the town shines out.



In the October half term Premier Sports are again providing a Holiday Club at St Bede's. They have listened to feedback from yourselves and school and have extended times of the sessions each day. The club will begin at 8.30am and finish at 4.30pm although a fault on the website indicates that it finishes at 4 we can confirm that it is a 4.30 finish.

Please visit <https://www.premier-education.com/> for further details.

Nursery would love donations of pre loved toys. A great opportunity to have a sort out in the run up to the festive season. They would love dolls, dolls/baby clothes, dolls bottles, prams & blanket. Toy tea sets etc. All offerings will be greatly accepted thank you.

Parish Partnership Day of Reflection

St Bede's Church will hold a Partnership Day of Reflection, led by Mrs Chris Smith and Sr Sheila McNamara, on Saturday 20th October from 10.30am-3.30pm at St Bede's, Bedlington, reflecting on 'Our Call to Holiness', based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. (Coffee/tea from 10am) This will be an opportunity for people from across the Partnership to come together, to reflect and to pray.

The EDGE

Edge is an exciting, fun, and instructive Catholic youth group for young people in school years 5 to 8. Our parish partnership is now running an Edge group in St Robert's Parish Hall at 6pm on a Thursday evening. It includes social time, games and activities, opportunities to make new friends, and thought provoking discussion on questions that really matter. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas, the youth ministry co-ordinator at:

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