

St. Bede's Weekly News



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The message from this week's Gospel is to look at our lives and see whether we have all we need. If we have more than we need should we not share?



The statement to live by this week has been **I know what to do if I see anyone hurt**. This is something that the children at St Bede's are really good at, they look after each other well.

Thank you for your understanding this week with regard to the water problems. Children missing school is not something that we like but while we did not have alternative hygiene methods in place we did not want to risk the children's health. On Tuesday we were ready so were able to keep the children in school. Let's hope there are no more water main issues very soon.

It was lovely to have so many children at the session for First Holy Communion last Saturday and to have the church filled with community members during Mass. Thank you also Year 4 children for welcoming some of the children from St Robert's First School to the session.

This Saturday the children are expected to be at church again with a celebration during Mass. Should you be unable to make 5.30pm at St Bede's the same celebration will be taking place at St Robert's Morpeth at 9am on Sunday



Open evening – **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.

In the main hall at **5.30pm** there will be a presentation and afterwards you will be free to wander around the school to see the classrooms and chat to various staff about all that we do. The evening is not designed as a time for parents to discuss their children's learning with classteachers. There will be another opportunity for this or you can make an appointment for a convenient time with the classteacher.

A reminder that the online portal for admissions into Year 7 is open on the Northumberland website

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#onlineschooladmissionapplication> the portal for Year 7 intake closes on the 31st October. This means that the parents of our Year 6 children need to apply for a place for their child for next academic year.

If you have any queries please call the school office.

As part of our ongoing development we are using some of the tips from a book by Paul Dix entitled When the Adults Change Everything Changes. Lessons from this book will help us to further improve the culture in school that will feed into our behaviour policy.

This week we have introduced a small change to unify everyone and develop a calm approach to moving around school. All members of the school community will be 'smart walking' when inside. Should you wish to look some of Paul Dix's work this is a link to a television interview he did a while back. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DZHJTrG1N4>

This week it has become evident that some children are bringing money to school. There is no need for children to have money in school as this poses a risk of the money going missing. If your child walks home and needs to have money they will need to hand it to the office in the same way as their phones. Please make sure it is in a named container.

If your child is poorly please make sure that you have informed school on 01670 822389 by 9.30am. It is important that we know where children are. Thank You



We received 80 responses to the out of school child care survey and they were very informative. This has given us the opportunity to move forward with our plans. 74% of you would use a breakfast club and 89% would use an afterschool club.

After the October half term we plan to provide before and after school child care at St Bede's. The final details of the club are not quite ready yet and we will let you know as soon as we have more information including how to book places and pay. We can say now though that we are planning on running the breakfast club from 7.30am and then the afterschool club until 5.45pm. If you have any spare board games we will gratefully accept them for the club.

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.

Due to complaints made by residents near Catholic Row the leadership team at St Benet Biscop have made a decision to stop the students using St Bede's as a short cut. This is unfortunate for those students who do behave but it is unfair for the residents to be on the receiving end of unruly behaviour. We at St Bede's have supported St Benet Biscop in their decision.

As mentioned last week if you wish for your child to attend the whole school pantomime but feel that paying in instalments is easier for your finances please contact up. Send the slip in with consent to go and write a note that you will pay when you can or pop into the office and have a chat.



On the 20th October there is a parish day of reflection at St Bede's linked to the Pope's call to holiness. All are welcome from 10.30 till 3.30pm. You will need a packed lunch.

A reminder for children in Years 5 & 6. Phones must be handed into the office as soon as they arrive on the school site. They should not be used on the yard or in the school building. Parents please remind your children of this.