



## **St Bede's RC Primary School**

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### **May Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers

#### **Staffing:**

Welcome back to Miss Cumming who returned to work on a part time basis on Monday 13th May and will be working in a job-share capacity with Mrs McCartney from 10th June. Welcome back to Mrs DeCube who returned to work on Thursday 23rd May.

#### **A big thank you for the Good Shepherd Appeal:**

During Lent we held a fundraising challenge where we collected 5p pieces, all of which were donated to the Good Shepherd Appeal (A Catholic Care Fundraising Appeal). Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £450 to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Year 3 won the challenge by raising an amazing £114 – congratulations Year 3 and thank you to everyone who helped to raise such a fantastic amount, a real sign of putting our love in action.

#### **Safeguarding – Online Gaming:**

We have had a number of concerned parents who have spoken to school staff about incidents of upset or arguments caused through children playing online games, many of which have spilt over into arguments or isolation at school. Whilst it is not school's responsibility, can we just remind parents to be vigilant with their children's online activity to ensure that they are safe and are using the technology in a responsible way.

#### **Attendance Update:**

We have recently celebrated the achievement of our 100% attendees of which there were 70 in the Spring Term. The children were rewarded with a book prize and an additional playtime. All children who were in the 'green' category on the attendance traffic light (95%+) were also rewarded with an additional playtime.

Current whole school attendance figure for academic year 2018 / 2019: 96.2%  
(Currently Year 3 are in the lead with a yearly attendance so far of 97%).

#### **Friends of St Bede Fundraising:**

Can I take this opportunity to thank the 'Friends of St Bede' for their continued financial support for our pupils. They recently provided £80 to help towards the purchase of some balance bikes for our Reception Class and also contributed £100 towards the recent Year 1 visit to The Great North Museum.

I know that they are busy working on preparation for the 'Family Fun Day' in July and will be relying on your support with the event.

#### **Science Update:**

Venator Voting System: On behalf of Miss Ward can I thank all of those families who

registered a vote for our school – we were rated within the top 40 schools and will receive a grant of £250 towards science resources.

**Penguin Day:** We recently held a 'Penguin Day' where the children explored a range of science activities linked to penguins and their habitats – the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and the donations given on the day have helped towards sponsoring a penguin and supporting the science curriculum resources.

**Science Week:** Thank you to Miss Ward who has once again organised a very successful science week where the children have taken part in a range of science activities including RSPB workshops, exploration of an onsite Planetarium and highly successful science fair celebrating the practical nature of science.

### **Half Term Holidays:**

Can I remind parents and carers that we break up for half term on the evening of Friday 24th May for a two-week break followed by a Staff Training Day on Monday 10th June. Children will return to school on Tuesday 11th June for our last half term before the summer break.

### **Sports Day:**

This year we will be holding a school sports day in the final half term, this will be the first St Bede's House Team Sports Day and we will be making use of the facilities of a nearby school to allow the fun event to go ahead.

### **80th Anniversary Celebration:**

This year we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary and by way of celebrating the event we are inviting pupils, staff and all those who have been linked with our school over the past 8 decades to come along to share in an evening of reminiscing. On June 11th and 12th, school will be open from 6-7.30pm to allow anyone who is linked with the history of our school to come back and share their memories along with ours.

### **New Reception Parent's Evening:**

On June 20th we will be holding an information evening for our new Reception Class parents – information to be sent out to parents.

### **Dinner Monies:**

Can you please ensure that dinner money is paid (in a labelled envelope) on a Monday morning. Please contact the office if you have any arrears as these need to be finalised before the end of the Summer Term.

### **Books for School:**

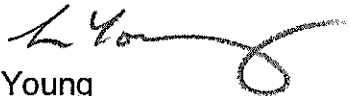
Please log onto the link below and type in our school details (St Bede's RC Primary School Newcastle upon Tyne) to help to support our school with the opportunity to win £5000 to purchase new reading books

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### **Forthcoming Events:**

- School Photo Day – 13th June, individual and family photographs
- Sports Day – (date to be confirmed)
- SEND information workshops 27th June - more information to follow.
- Year 6 Transitions Days at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert's High Schools – Wednesday 3rd July and Friday 5th July (children to make their own way to High School)
- Friends of St Bede Family Fun Day - July 12th
- Year 6 Leavers Mass – Thursday 18th July 9.30am invitation open to Year 6 parents, carers and family to come along and join Year 6 in their final Mass with us before they embark on their new adventures.
- Year 6 Leavers Performance – Friday 19th July am (exact times to follow) – tickets will be available soon.
- St Bede's Got Talent – in school event for children only Friday 19th July pm.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Young  
Headteacher