



St Bede's RC Primary School

Howlett Hall Road, Denton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7HS

Telephone: 0191 2743430

Email: admin@stbedes.newcastle.sch.uk Website: www.stbedes.newcastle.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs L Young

Deputy Headteacher: Mr S Keys



Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Half term holiday reminder:

I just wanted to give you an early reminder that school will be closed from the end of day on Friday 21st May until Tuesday 8th June 2021. This is our normal two-week half term break in the Summer Term plus an additional training day on Monday 7th June for staff.

As in previous years, we only had one week off school for the Easter break and have carried the additional Easter week forward – please note that the holiday starts slightly earlier than in previous years.

School will be completely closed during this time so please ensure that you have made the appropriate childcare arrangements, where required, for the two-week period from Monday 24th May until we return on Tuesday 8th June.

KS2 Yard Banner:

You may remember a little while ago I asked the children to send in some designs for a banner that I wanted to put in the sheltered area in the KS2 yard.

The banner has now been installed – and it is a lovely addition to the developing KS2 area.

The artwork, which was used in the final design, came from some children in Year 3 – Hannah, Jay and Lily.

Congratulations on your lovely designs and thank you to everyone who offered a design. I am hoping to have some further banners produced so there is always another chance for your child to have some of their work chosen.



EYFS and KS1 Yard:



We have recently had some work completed in the EYFS / KS1 yard to try to enhance and enrich the area. We have had some climbing equipment, a sheltered area and some free-standing musical instruments and games installed. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing on the equipment this week.

Outdoor time:

As we move into the Summer Term, I am trying to adjust the timetables to allow for more time outside. Can you please ensure that your child is suitable dressed for the ever-changing weather as I would like them to be able to maximise their time outside.

Putting our Faith in Action:

I know that previously you have been very generous in helping with donations towards the local foodbank and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I am going to re-open the collections if anyone would like to donate any tinned or dried food, it would be gratefully received and will be a small way of showing our love for others. If you would like to make a donation please send it in a carrier bag with your child. Thank you in advance as I know that you are always so generous.

Recovery Curriculum:

Staff have already sent out the format for their class 'recovery curriculum'. We have adapted each year group's curriculum to try to close some of the gaps which have appeared because of the closure of school and all of the disruption that the children have faced over the last two school years.

Please continue to support your child with their reading (remembering to log comments on the e-schools platform), spelling practice (spellings are published on the e-learning platform each week) and multiplication tables (particularly for those children in KS2).

Safeguarding:

As we always mention, please ensure that you are monitoring your child's online activity whether this is through social media or a gaming situation. Please ensure that your child is safe at all times and that you know who they are talking to, please also ensure that they are acting responsibly and appropriately through this virtual platform.

Staffing Information:

Mrs Decube officially begins her maternity leave next week. I will keep you informed when I hear any news.

Mrs Morris will be returning from maternity leave towards the end of the Summer Term and will be supporting some of our pupils as part of our recovery curriculum.

Miss Ward will be leaving St Bede's at the end of this academic year as she takes up a position as STEM Leader in a new school. We wish Miss Ward all the best in her new position and thank her for her hard work and dedication over the time that she has spent here at St Bede's.

If you have any questions in relation to the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Keep safe
Mrs Young