

23rd June 2023

First Holy Communion

Tomorrow some pupils in Year 4 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The children have been on a journey this year preparing to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and communion. This is such an important time in their lives and shows their commitment to the faith that their parents have encouraged them to develop.

Please keep the children in your prayers and it would be lovely for the wider school community to join them at Mass at St Bede's at 10am tomorrow.



At the end of this school year we will be saying au revoir to some members of staff. Throughout this year Miss Kidd has supported in various classrooms across school, in September she will be embarking on a new adventure. We wish to thank Miss Kidd for all she has brought to St Bede's.

Miss Moloney will also be saying farewell to us at St Bede's. Miss Moloney has been with us for two years now sharing her skills and bubbly personality with children through her teaching. Miss Moloney's new chapter will begin in September at a school in a neighbouring town. We thank her for all the positivity and love that she has brought to the children at St Bede's.

Using the school grounds before school

Please can we remind parents that children are to be supervised while they wait to enter school at the start of the day. There have been reported incidents when equipment in the early years gardens have been damaged and moved around before school. Please keep your children out of the areas that have been set up for learning.

Children also appear to be playing on the raised area in front of the nursery building, this is a not a play area. Please keep your children on the yard area with you. Thank you

Industrial Action

You may be aware that the NEU has announced another round of teachers strikes on the 5th and 7th July 2023. At this point I am unaware of the whole school impact and will update parents when there is a clearer picture of the number of staff available.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Transition day

We have a whole school transition day on Tuesday 4th July. On this day Year 6 will visit their new school which then creates an opportunity for the children throughout school to go into their new learning environment. We are looking forward to seeing how the children adapt.

Whitley Bay Playhouse celebration of the Catholic schools in Northumberland

On Wednesday this week some of our children joined other schools in Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust at Whitley Bay Playhouse to celebrate the talent and skills that we harness within our partnership of schools.

There was singing, dancing, acting and musical instrument playing showcased. St Bede's children showed the audience how much they have developed in dance this year with ballet and cheerleading. Our pupils were able to watch the older students from St Benet Biscop Academy knowing that when they move up they will have great opportunities to develop their performing arts skills and talents. It was a fabulous opportunity to watch ex pupils of St Bede's and the pride that we felt was difficult to put into words.

I would like to thank the staff of St Bede's who put so much effort into supporting and developing the children so that they were able to achieve so much.

Bikeability

Over the past few weeks we have been able to offer various year groups the opportunity to develop their cycling skills. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children to learn practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

We have seen children from across the school learning at their stage of development. We hope this will allow you all to go out cycling together as a family over the summer time.

Thank you for the offers of help for the reflection garden so far. Please contact your child's teacher if you feel that you can give some time to keep this area or any other part of our wonderful grounds looking good.

