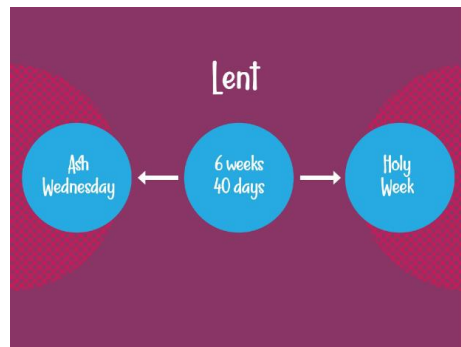


17th February 2023



Next week sees the beginning of Lent. This is a time when we look to the Lord in prayer we serve by giving (if finances are stretched this could be in deeds and we practice self-control. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner reflection as we seek to follow Christ.

During Liturgical Prayer this morning the children were able to reflect upon the meaning of Lent and how we are encouraged to GIVE, ACT and PRAY, this will be our focus that guides us in school during the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT

Reminder about the changes to the start of school day

From Monday 27th February 2023 the school morning will begin at **8:45am** with the registers and gates to the yard closing at 8:50am.

The children are to line up just in front of their classroom door and they will be greeted by a member of staff who will take them into class.

Punctuality of the children is important so that they are given the best opportunities to progress in their learning.

The school day will finish at 3:15pm when children are to be collected from their classroom doors.

Information in school

Please ensure that the office hold all the information needed regarding your child. It is important that we know of any medical issues and have up to date contact numbers for at least three adults.

Industrial action by the National Education Union NEU

There is another industrial action day planned by the NEU for the **Tuesday 28th February**. I carried out a risk assessment to gauge whether there would be enough adults in to safely open the school. This has resulted in my decision to close to the majority of children. This decision was not made lightly and I understand that this may cause disruption. I thank you for your understanding.

We will be welcoming some children into school and the parents of these have been contacted directly.

The unions are continuing to talk with representatives of the government so if there are any changes to the action I will contact parents as soon as possible.

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies sent out the information below this week, they would like St Bede's Community to engage in The Big Lent Walk.

As a school we are participating in The Big Lent Walk.

We are doing this walk to raise money for Cafod who have already committed £100,000 to support local experts on the ground, providing urgent humanitarian support to survivors of the Turkey/Syria earthquake.

We are asking the children in school to walk every day during Lent with hope to have achieved 200km by Easter. We have made calendars so that the children can use them to log their walking and we are also hoping to do a big walk around St Benet Biscop field at some point.

If possible, your child could ask friends and family if they have any spare money to sponsor them or friends and family could go online and donate via Cafod's website.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday next week and we will send you more information when we have a date for the big walk around the big field.

Thank you

From St Bede's Mini Vinnies

They have handed out stickers to the children and sponsor forms

Alteration in dates for Outdoor Adventure Days for Years 1-6

The outdoor adventure days continue to be a great success with such positive comments when the children return to school.

We have made some changes to the dates for next half term. Class teachers will inform parents as to the clothing requirements for their child after the holidays.

Friday 3rd March 2023	Year 1
Friday 10th March 2023	Year 4
Friday 17th March 2023	Year 3
Friday 21st April 2023	Year 2
Friday 12th May 2023	Year 1
Friday 16th June 2023	Year 5
Friday 23rd June 2023	Year 6

Sharing of images

We regularly aim to educate children about the safety around the sharing of images via social media. Please continue to talk with your child about this area so that all involved can stay safe.

We also thank adults for not sharing images of children within their social media groups

Church / Liturgical Prayer Timetable

Date	Church	Liturgical Prayer
01/02/23	School closed	School closed
08/02/23	Year 2	Year 3
15/02/23	Year 1	Year 2
Half Term		
01/03/23	Reception	Y1
08/03/23	Nursery	Reception
15/03/23	Year 6	Year 4
22/03/23	Year 5	Year 6
29/03/23	Whole School	NONE
Easter		
19/04/23	Year 4	Y5
26/04/23	Year 3	Year 4
03/05/23	Year 2	Year 3
10/05/23	Year 1	Year 2
17/05/23	Reception	Year 1
24/05/23	Nursery	Reception
Half Term		
07/06/23	Year 5	Y6
14/06/23	Year 4	Year 5
21/06/23	Year 3	Year 4
28/06/23	Year 2	Year 3
05/07/23	Year 1	Year 2
12/07/23	Year 6 and Reception	Year 1
19/07/23	Whole School	NONE