

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and it is the last Sunday of the current Liturgical Year. We are about to begin the new year with Advent.

In Luke's Gospel for Christ the King we hear how Jesus is laughed at while on the cross and how two thieves have very different things to say to him. We think about the type of king that Jesus is and how we can share his love with others.

Jesus, the king of love, showed his love for us and for all people by dying on the cross. We encourage the children to think about how they can show their love for others as Jesus asks us to.

### Statements to Live By

Our Statement to Live By next week is:

**I can work, play, rest and pray each day.**

The children have been able to reflect today about the meaning of this statement. If we work all the time we get too tired; If we only play all the time we may limit our learning; each day we should spend some time resting and some time in prayer. Can we, as adults, model this with our children?



Thank you for the donations so far for the Christmas Fayre which we are holding on the 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. Again, entry to the fayre will be by means of a donation to The Matthew Project. The children are busy making their merchandise to sell and we know that you will be so proud of them when their stalls are sorted.

We would like more donations please if anyone has unwanted items they would like to recycle. We would greatly accept toiletries, chocolate items, bottles, books and games. These will go towards a tombola, always a great attraction.

Also raffle prizes would be wonderful. We would like to start a raffle on the fayre day and then continue to sell tickets throughout the performance week.

### Chance to Dance

We are beginning an exciting project in Year Three in partnership with the Royal Opera House in London.

The programme called Chance to Dance brings opportunities for children to engage with professional dancers and ultimately perform next year at Dance City in Newcastle.

This week I was privileged to be able to go to the Royal Opera House to find out more about the project. Part of the day was watching the principle dancers and orchestra rehearsing, I was like a child walking around the Opera House, eyes wide and mouth agape. This excitement then turns to nerves when the teachers were asked to become dancers and a huge cohort of Royal Ballet School students walked passed us. Dawn French certainly came to mind for me!

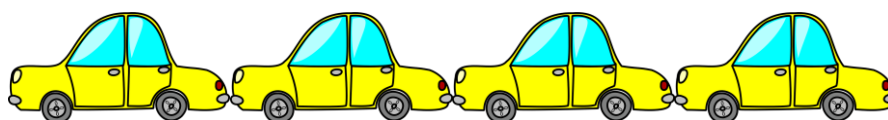
I would like to share details of the programme with Year 3 parents. Please join me on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in the Year 3 classroom and I will explain all. If you are unable to make it I will be happy to talk with you at another time, please email admin.

<https://www.roh.org.uk/learning/young-people/chance-to-dance>

Parking continues to bring challenges to St Bede's community and I ask that drivers are considerate at all times.

The Salvation Army Car Park is **not to be used** by parents and carers dropping off and collecting children from school. I would hope that respect is shown towards the volunteers, staff and users of the Salvation Army Church. If you have someone who helps with drop offs and collection please ask them not to park there.

The staff car park should also not be used for drop offs or collection at the usual school run time. However, when it is safe to use the car park please reverse any vehicles into parking spaces. This is for the safety of pedestrians especially children. Unfortunately, a member of staff has had their car damaged this week due to a vehicle reversing out of a parking space. We believe that the driver must have been unaware of the collision as it was not reported by them to school. The member of staff who now has a costly bill would welcome a discussion with the driver about it to ascertain more information, thank you.



**Please note that school is closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November as this is a staff training day.**

On Saturday the 26th November it's the annual Christmas lights switch on in Bedlington. We have been invited to be a part of the event by having a group of children sing to the people of Bedlington and Tommy Ball from Cannon and Ball, such an honour. I wonder if Tommy will rock around the tree? Miss Moloney has been working behind the scenes with her little choir to practice our Christmas songs and she will give more details to those parents in the coming days. The children singing will need to meet at Harriet Louise Dance School on Front Street before 5pm. They will be singing on the stage which will be in the marketplace.

As part of the switch on excitement there is again going to be an ice rink in the town open to the public from 1pm to 7.30pm and can be booked via <https://westbedlington.org.uk/booking-event.php> St Bede's have a free slot available between 10am - 10.45am on Saturday 26th November. Should you wish for your child to enjoy the fun of ice skating then please send an email to admin with your child's name by Wednesday 23rd November. On a first come first served basis your child will be given a ticket from school. We have limited numbers allowed and so if your child is not able to use the ticket please let us know so that we can reallocate.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | School photographer                             |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am</b>  | Year 4 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10am</b> | Year 3 joining parish for Mass at Church        |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | School closed to pupils                         |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>         | Year 3 parents – Chance to dance meeting        |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9am</b>  | Year 3 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am</b> | Year 2 joining parish for Mass at Church        |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am</b>   | Year 2 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b>  | Year 1 joining parish for Mass at Church        |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm</b>   | School Christmas Fayre                          |
| <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am</b> | Whole school joining parish for Mass at Church  |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>       | School Breaks up for Christmas                  |
| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>      | Back to school 8:45am                           |

**\*\*More dates/events will be added throughout the term and we will notify you.**

| Christmas productions / shows |              |                                     |
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| Date                          | Time         | Event                               |
| Monday 12th Dec               | 2 – 3pm      | Year 1 & 2<br>Christmas Production  |
|                               | 10 – 11am    | Year 1 & 2<br>Christmas Production  |
| Tuesday 13th Dec              | 2 – 3pm      | EYFS Christmas Production           |
| Wednesday 14th Dec            | 10 – 10:30am | EYFS Christmas Production           |
| Wednesday 14th Dec            | 2 – 3pm      | Years 3 & 4<br>Christmas Production |
| Thursday 15th Dec             | 10 – 11am    | Years 3 & 4<br>Christmas Production |
| Thursday 15th Dec             | 2 – 3pm      | Year 5 & 6<br>Christmas production  |
| Thursday 15th Dec             | 5 – 6pm      | Year 5 & 6<br>Christmas production  |