

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023



It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week, they appeared to have grown so much over the two weeks.

There has been a feeling of new life around school which is part of what Easter is about. We have this week, been celebrating the risen Christ and how this signifies eternal life. Over the next half-term we will continue to rejoice in the liturgical season of Eastertide as we prepare for Pentecost.

### Statement to Live By

Next week's statement is 'I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings'.

We have shared with the children about how it is important to know how we are feeling at different times, so that we can address any negative feelings with the aim to improving them.

Two new members of staff have joined us at St Bede's this week to help us continue to support the children in class. Mrs Hitchman is now working with Miss Moloney and the team in Year 1 and Miss Buchanan has joined the Year 6 team to support our oldest children in the run up to SATS.

Both ladies have found their rightful places in the St Bede's family immediately.



We are approaching the time when end of year assessments take place and the children are working hard to show us all they have learned. It is even more important that regular punctual attendance is in place across school. Thank you for your support with this.

## Industrial action by the National Education Union NEU

You may have seen in the press that the NEU have called an additional two days of strike action. One of those days is next week, however, St Bede's should not be affected and attendance should be as normal for all children.

We have noticed this week that there are some children not prepared fully for the school day. It is important that they are in full uniform with reading books, water bottles and PE kits. This includes not wearing jewellery.

These are the expectation for uniform at St Bede's: -

- Red sweatshirt or sweat-cardigan
- White shirt
- School tie (can be purchased from the school office)
- Black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress/red and white checked dress
- Sensible black school shoes

A PE kit is required consisting of a white T shirt, black shorts and gym shoes. School PE hoodies can also be purchased but are not a requirement.

## The Big Lent Walk

It has been wonderful to hear of all the walking that happened during Lent in the run up to Easter. Please can any outstanding sponsorship money be sent in to school next week so that Mini Vinnies can count it and send off to Cafod. Thank you.

St Bede's have bought into Doodle, which is a Maths Program for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a fantastic resource and can easily be access on a phone, computer or tablet. It works best on a phone or tablet by downloading the app. If you search on apps for Doodle Maths it will bring the correct app. Your child will have a password and username and we will resend them again. If as a parent/ carer you wish to login in as a parent then you can have feedback on how they are doing. Their level is set by doing a pre-assessment but only truly shows their level when they have been using the app for some time. The best way to use this is little and often, 10 minutes a day is plenty of time. The program works best when children answer the questions for themselves. There are hint buttons and more information, if really stuck they can add the question to 'tricky questions' and we can support them in school. Over the Easter there is an incentive to achieve a pin badge. To sign your child up you will need to do the following: -

1. From Saturday the 1st of April, parents can register their child for one or both Challenges (depending on your school's subscription) by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com) and pressing Register for the Challenge next to their child's name

**The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 24th of April.**

2. Once they've reached their target, parents can claim their pin badge and certificate by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com) and pressing Claim reward next to their child's name!

**The last day to claim their rewards is midnight on the 30th of April.**

3. To complete the Challenge, children need to achieve a 7-day streak and earn 450 stars (or 350 if they were born on or after 01/09/15) in DoodleMaths before the 30th of April.  
Please note: the pin badges and certificates to reward those who have completed the Challenge will be sent to your school after the 30th of April (once the Challenge has come to an end).

If you have any questions, please email Mrs N White - [nicky.white@school360.co.uk](mailto:nicky.white@school360.co.uk)