

27th January 2023

Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed Him.

Matthew 4: 19-20

At the beginning of the week the children explored last weekend's Gospel from Matthew. The children were very good at explaining how it is important to follow the messages that trusted adults offer us. They knew that when someone truly loves you they will guide you the correct way.

This led nicely into the Statement to Live By for next week, which is

I listen to what you say. I show I am listening to you.

In liturgical prayer this morning the children were able to practice listening to God by sitting still and ignoring any distractions.

It would be lovely if their trusted adults at home could spend some time doing this with them, showing them that praying can be simply sitting still and focusing on a candle or closing their eyes.

Safeguarding

The children have been engaging in some activities around the people in their lives who keep them safe. They made a list of five trusted adults at home and in school exploring how these are trusted adults. Please ask your child about this work so that you are aware of who they have picked.

The children have also learned about the coloured lanyard system we have in school with the aim that they know there are measures in place to keep them safe when in school.

Parking Reminder

We continue to ask that no vehicles use Catholic Row by church to drop off or pick up children at the beginning and end of the day. Driving along the narrow road creates a safety risk, if there are no moving vehicles when children are walking to and from school removes all risks.

For the same reason there should not be any vehicles dropping off children for St Bede's using the entrance to St Benet Biscop. I urge all adults doing school drop off and pick up to plan their journey and parking in a safe manner for all uses of the school sites.



Church Car Park

It has been observed that electric scooters are being used along Catholic Row and around the church car park. This can create a safety risk for others in the area. Please can parents encourage their children to find alternative places to play.

Outdoor Adventure Days for Years 1-6

Our adventure days are going so well and it is lovely to see the rosy cheeks when the children return to school at the end of a Friday.

So far Year 6, Year 5 and Year 3 have visited Plessey Woods, Year 4 are due to go next week. We are reflecting on the location for Years 1 & 2 so that there is a shorter walk but we know that they are excited about their 'trip' too.

Plessey Woods		Location to be confirmed	
Date	Year group	Date	Year Group
Friday 13 th January	Year 6	Friday 10 th March	Year 6
Friday 20 th January	Year 5	Friday 17 th March	Year 5
Friday 27 th January	Year 3	Friday 21 st April	Year 4
Friday 3 rd February	Year 4	Friday 12 th May	Year 3
Friday 10 th February	Year 2	Friday 16 th June	Year 2
Friday 3 rd March	Year 1	Friday 23 rd June	Year 1

B n T Club

Following a review, we have made some changes to our breakfast and after school club and we continue to welcome any views.

There are various staff who working within the club, Mrs D Brown, Mrs D Craik, Mr E Elgie and Miss R Kidd. They are continuing to prepare exciting activities for the children to take part in.

The club opens in the morning at 7:30am and then afterschool runs until 6pm. Should you need childcare before or after school please contact the school office for information.

***Please note* - Any booked session unattended or cancelled with less than 24hrs notice must be paid for in full.**

Industrial action by the National Education Union NEU

We sent a letter out yesterday to explain that school will be closed to all children on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This is due to the industrial action that the NEU has called for their teacher members. I carried out a risk assessment to gauge whether there would be enough adults in school on the 1st February to safely open the school. This has resulted in my decision to close to children. This decision was not made lightly and I understand that this may cause disruption. I thank you for your understanding. The union has shared that the action will continue in the next coming weeks and I will risk assess each day individually informing you as soon as I practically can.