

9th September 2022



Everyone in St Bede's community is so very sad to mourn the loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth. She has been a constant in our lives and a shining beacon of goodness for so long. We are very grateful for her years of service, duty and love. Her strength and fortitude have served us all so well these past 70 years and it is hard to capture this profound loss. Our first thoughts are for her family who are mourning the loss of a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. May God ease their grief and sustain them in the coming months.

We give thanks to God for all she has done and pray for the repose of her soul. May God grant her eternal rest; may the perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen.

I am sure you will all join with me in sending our new King Charles III our best wishes for the future and wish him a long and happy reign.



It was so lovely to welcome back the children this week, they have settled back into school life extremely quickly. Thank you for your support with this.

We have also welcomed new children and families into our school community. The majority of the children are in our Nursery and Reception, but we are also very fortunate to have welcomed children into classes throughout school.

Thank you to those parents for choosing St Bede's and putting your trust in us. We hope that this will be the beginning of a wonderful home school relationship for your child.

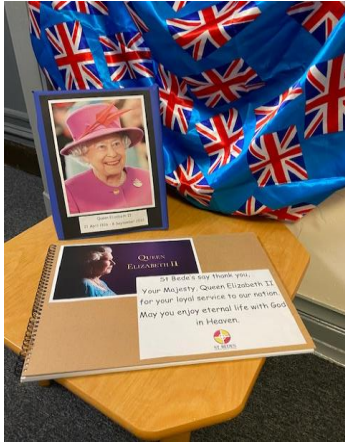
At the beginning of the year I would like to send out some reminders so that everyone is clear on expectations.

- There are various ways to contact school about queries or to give information.
 - You can contact the School Office on 01670 822389
 - Email admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
 - Speak to a member of staff at drop off or pick up. Please be mindful though that at drop off the teachers need to be with the children. If it requires more than a minute's chat please make an appointment outside of teaching time.
 - Email your child's class teacher via their school360 account about something to do with learning. Please do not report absences directly to teachers. This information needs to be reported to the School Office.
 - School also requires the reason for any absences your child has. This is for safeguarding reasons, you will be messaged or contacted via telephone for the reason for absence if you have not already contacted school. You can report any absences via phone, email or text message service (School Gateway app).
- The only things children need to bring into school every day are their reading book and water bottle. In school the children have all that they need for their learning with regards to writing, they are to leave pencil cases at home.
- PE kits can be brought in on a Monday and left for the week. This means that they will have them ready for when they do PE.
- Children are not to wear any jewellery including earrings. Should they need to and you child has their ears pierced they can wear small plastic retainers. These are easily purchased at a very low cost.
- Children are to use small bags please. There are quite a few big back packs in school at the moment and they are causing a safety hazard because of the amount of room they need.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). Meals for the children in the other year groups have to be paid for unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Please contact Northumberland County Council if you believe your children may be entitled to this
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>
- We do appreciate that it can be a challenge to park for school drop off and collection but please for safety reasons do not
 - drive onto the school site at these times, this includes the entrance area of St Benet Biscop
 - drive along Catholic Row
 - use the Salvation Army car park behind St Bede's Church
- Medication can be administered if the prescription states that it is needed. A medicine form must be completed and handed into the school office with your child's medication (please do not give any medication to your child's teacher).

Today at St Bede's we have been paying our respects to Queen Elizabeth by thanking her for her services to our country and celebrating her life. All activities have been in a sensitive manner and age appropriate.

We have a commemoration book in school and the children will add their thoughts to it via words and pictures.

Should you wish to call in to record some words yourself or send them with your child, you will be more than welcome.



As well as welcoming new children we are so pleased to welcome some new staff to St Bede's this September.

Miss Dixon has begun her teaching career with us this year as Year 5's class teacher, she has very quickly settled into this role.

Miss Kidd and Mrs Styles have also joined the staff team as members of support staff, we are so pleased to welcome them on board.

Please Join Us

We are so pleased that we are able to again attend Mass regularly and we can also welcome you back into school for prayer time with the children. Please see the times for this term on the 'Important Dates'.

Message from Fr Peter regarding First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion begins at the end of September. There will be a Parents' Meeting in September, there will be special celebrations at our Sunday Masses and there will be regular catechesis sessions for our young people. If you have missed the registration for your child (Y4 and above) it is important that you contact Fr Peter as soon as possible. We have 8 names for St Robert's Preparation and 16 names for St Bede's Preparation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 13th September 5pm	Information meeting for parents of children attending Howtown residential
Wednesday 14th September 10am	Year 6 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 14th September (evening)	Parent's Meeting for First Holy Communion preparation 6.30pm – 7:30pm at St Bede's Church note this is not at school
Wednesday 21st September 9am	Year 6 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 21st September 10am	Year 5 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 21st September 5pm	Welcome to new school year for parents and carers
Wednesday 28th September 9am	Year 5 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 28th September 10am	Year 4 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 5th October 9am	Year 4 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 5th October 10am	Year 3 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 12th October 9am	Year 3 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 12th October 10am	Year 2 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 19th October 9am	Year 2 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 19th October 10am	Year 1 joining parish for Mass at Church
Friday 21st October 3.15pm	School breaks up for half term and School Autumn Fayre
Saturday 22nd October	Autumn Fayre at St Bede's Church
Monday 31st October	Back to school 8:45am
Wednesday 2nd November 9am	Year 1 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 2nd November 10am	Reception and Year 6 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 9th November 9am	Reception and Year 6 Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 9th November 10am	Year 5 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 16th November 9am	Year 5 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 16th November 10am	Year 4 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 23rd November 9am	Year 4 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 23rd November 10am	Year 3 joining parish for Mass at Church
Friday 25th November	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 30th November 9am	Year 3 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 30th November 10am	Year 2 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 7th December 9am	Year 2 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 7th December 10am	Year 1 joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 14th December 9am	Year 1 leading Liturgical Prayer in school hall
Wednesday 14th December 10am	Nursery joining parish for Mass at Church
Wednesday 21st December 10am	Whole school joining parish for Mass at Church
Thursday 22nd December	School Breaks up for Christmas
Monday 9th January 2023	Back to school 8:45am

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