

November 2023



Thank you for joining us at the Autumn Fayre before the holidays and thank you for the patience when waiting to get in by the main entrance. Using only two doors was necessary to reduce the risks of wind through the school and any potential accidents.

Your fabulous donations on the stalls raised **£888.25**, we are very grateful for this amount!!

This fundraising will help us with different activities. There have been resources purchased for the Nursery and Reception classes, some of the money is helping to reduce the cost of the pantomimes at Christmas and we have donated some funds to the new Friends of St Bede's so that they can organize the legal parts of becoming a charitable organization.

## School Attendance

We have begun to celebrate with the children how well they are doing with attendance at school by sharing the classes attendance so far this academic year and also how each class is doing week by week.

Attendance for Autumn 1 term	
Whole school	94%
Nursery	92%
Reception	97%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%

It would be great to see the level of attendance increase as we move forward through the weeks.

## Friends of St Bede's

Thank you for the support with this, I am delighted to share that a committee has been organized with the start of a Friends of St Bede's Catholic Primary School Facebook page. There are already 106 followers of the page. Please share this via your own Facebook profile.

The Friends are organizing a Christmas raffle and would love donations to help make it an attractive option to people.

A message from the Friends of St Bede's:



Could you help?

Thank you to all the local businesses who have kindly supported our Christmas Raffle by providing some fantastic prizes. We still need donations of: chocolates, drinks, Hair & Beauty products. If you are able to donate any of the above, please drop us a message.

## Comments from questionnaire

Thank you very much for the responses to the questionnaire sent out before the holidays. These will be used alongside children's and staff views to develop our behavior policy and other areas of school life.

Some common threads that have come through are to develop lines of communication from school to home and to develop the behavior policy in school. These are areas that we as a staff have also highlighted.

Over the next few weeks the staff and children will be looking closely at how we can make school a better place to learn and will create a new behavior policy including a one that will be written for clear

## Uniform donations



Hope Church Bedlington is the Clothes and Uniform Bank at Front Street, Bedlington

If any parents/ guardians want to donate any uniform or children's clothing to be recycled and

- help save the planet by preventing them from going to landfill
- or they are in need of uniform or children's clothing themselves, they are happy to help.

## Medication information

If your child needs to have medication administered during the school day, please ensure that the correct forms are completed and handed in, with the medication by an adult to the school office. We have to ensure that all medication is monitored very carefully to reduce any risks of misuse. This is also for new inhalers.

Thank you for your understanding and support to keep all children safe.

## Celebration of the Word

Recent changes to guideline on how we worship as a Catholic Church has brought a new title for what we used to call Liturgy or Liturgical Prayer. We will now call these times of prayer and worship Celebration of the Word. When we say the Word we mean the scriptures.

Our collective worship sessions when we invite you to join us will continue throughout the year at 9am on Wednesday mornings in the school hall. This is a wonderful time for children to share with their loved ones in a relaxed prayerful environment.

Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rec	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24	Y1	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rec	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y5	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Y5	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y6	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rec
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y 4	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y 3	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4					3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y2							10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6

## Mass

As a class or whole school, the children also attend Mass at church at least once every term. This time allows us to appreciate that we are part of a wider community with the whole of St Bede's Parish.

Please do join us on a Wednesday at 10am if you are able to.

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13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rec & Nur	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Rec & Nur	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y1
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Please note these dates may change due to the needs of the parish