



Autumn Term
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Dear Parents/Carers

What a sunny start to our new school year! We would like to give a special warm welcome to all the new pupils and families who have joined us this year. Starting a new school can be daunting for pupils, but it can be just as challenging for parents and carers too, getting to know the new school routines and remembering names and faces!

We welcome especially

*Alice Perzsi Caleb Nathan Andrew Aneurin Leonardo Raphael Libby Zebedee
Isla Violet Phoebe Zeb Hunter Florence Ethan Elliot Blake Sophia Harry
Saxon Heidi Emilie Finley Emma Jessica and Christel*

'I have called you by your name, you are mine'. Isaiah 43:1

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils began their Reception Class 'Buddy' role today, they have shown great maturity and responsibility helping our youngest children to settle in. I am sure our new parents will also find a '*buddy*' in all the friendly faces they meet around school.

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE – www.st-bedes.cheshire.sch.uk The school website is a useful place to start if you are unsure of homework, PE days or extra events. Class teachers will share with you the expectations and routines for the term ahead. We hope the website will allow you to support your child to develop their independence and organisational skills, having the correct equipment, reading books and kit in school; completing and submitting homework on time.

If you do have any concerns, don't let them worry you. Please contact the office if you need to speak with a member of staff or leave a message with the welcome staff on the door in the morning, we are always ready to listen.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Our pupils look very smart in their uniform at the start of this new term. Thank you for respecting our uniform policy and ensuring that **uniform colour, hair styles, footwear and PE kits** are of the expected standard. ***Please, please, please write your child's name in every item of clothing***, especially jumpers, we cannot find owners without a name! **JEWELLERY MUST NOT BE WORN**, this includes ear-rings, as it is an additional health and safety risk for pupils. If your child is wearing piercings please provide the class teacher with the date that the earrings will be removed according to the piercing company (this is usually 6 weeks) during this time earrings **must** be covered with plasters before pupils arrive at school.

A copy of the uniform policy is available on the school website. If you are unsure of what is expected, please ask.

HEALTHY EATING

Break Time Snacks and Packed Lunches



All Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils receive a free piece of fruit each day.

Please ensure that the snacks and PACKED LUNCHES that that you provide are healthy. Do not overfill packed lunches

AVOID SWEETS, LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, LARGE SHARING PACKS AND SUGARY SNACKS.



WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT BRING PRODUCTS INTO SCHOOL WHICH CONTAIN PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIC RISKS.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Our Celebration Assemblies take place on a Friday afternoon. This is a wonderful assembly where we share good news, achievements, birthdays, competitions and stories. A highlight of this assembly is the sharing of any 'out of school' achievements. You are very welcome to send in awards that your child has achieved at an out of school club for us to celebrate at this assembly.

SAFEGUARDING

- **Medical Needs:** Please ensure that all medicines brought in to school have school **medical form completed** and a discussion with a member of staff has taken place. If you need to discuss any medical requirements for your child, please contact the school office. **Pupils with Asthma MUST have their inhalers in school at all times together with a completed Asthma Card.**
- **Playground equipment:** To ensure the safety of all, pupils (and siblings) are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before and after school. Please share this information with grandparents and other adults who may be collecting your child.
- **Parking – PLEASE consider our NEIGHBOURS and EACH OTHER when you park your car.**



ATTENDANCE and UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Every pupil has an attendance target of 97%. We are fully aware that children cannot avoid catching bugs and germs, having sickness episodes and isolation periods, but we do ask that you avoid booking holidays, long weekend trips, relative visits etc. during term time.

Research indicates that there is a correlation between the higher pupil's absence, the lower their performance at the end of each key stage.

Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays issued by CWAC Local Authority

Please note that from September 2017, unless there are any exceptional circumstances, the Local Authority resumed the issuing of FPN's for any unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more during term time.

Should an unauthorised absence take place the Local Authority are informed and a Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents/carers are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 when the penalty is paid within the next 7 days. This penalty is per parent/carer, per child for the duration of the absence.

If the Fixed Penalty is not paid you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for:

- a Lunchtime Mid-day assistant (MDA)
- Cleaner: 5 ½ hours over 3 after school sessions.

Please see the website or enquire at the school office for more information

We are currently finalising key dates for the autumn term

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023

	September	<i>Month of Caring for Creation</i>
Thursday	21	2.15pm Whole School Mass to celebrate our New School Year
Monday	25	Whole school photographs – further information to follow
	October	<i>Month of the Holy Rosary / Black History Month</i>
Tues/Thur	3/5	Parent/Carer Consultation meetings
Thursday	12	OPEN DAY all welcome
Tuesday	17	Poetry Buzz Workshop for UKS2 with Poet Paul Delaney
Thursday	19	Half Term
Friday	20	INSET DAY School Closed
Half term		
Monday	30	Pupils return to school
	November	<i>Month of Holy Souls and Remembrance</i>
Mon-Fri	13-17	Anti-bullying Week – Theme: <i>Make a noise about bullying</i> <i>The week will be launched by wearing ODD SOCKS on Monday 13th.</i>
	December	<i>Advent</i>
Tuesday	19	Whole school trip to the Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast
Wednesday	20	End of Autumn Term

*Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, concerns or you need clarification.
We are here to listen to you and support our pupils and families, achieving excellence together.*

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