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Autumn Term Newsletter November 2023

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side

Dear Parents/Carers

There have been so many things to celebrate so far this term. KS2 pupils have participated in a number of sporting events, with the most recent girls football competition resulted in St. Bede's team winning the cluster competition and progressing through to the Northwich finals! Year 3 visited Thurstaston Country Park on the Wirral to explore the coastline, linked to their geography learning. We enjoyed a fabulous Poetry day with local poet Paul Delaney and UKS2 six pupils will be sharing their poems at the Cheshire Poetry Buzz Festival soon. Reception had a visit from the police service and Year 2 are off to Weaver Hall to find out more about *The Great Fire of London*. Open Day was well attended this year. Our pupil ambassadors were a credit to themselves as they spoke confidently about 'What it is like to be a pupil at St Bede's School' and share all the exciting activities and events that they have experienced.



In addition to the enrichment activities arranged for classes, it is with great pride that eighteen Year 6 pupils completed their enrolment as Mini Vinnies and have offered themselves in service to others. They have already arranged a foodbank collection and led our Harvest Celebration; a rosary prayer group has been well attended by pupils across the school and this month the Mini Vinnies will be repurposing old Christmas cards, making new cards for the children and families of prisoners in HMP Forest Bank, HMP Hindley, HMP Berwyn and HMP Thorn Cross. The Mini Vinnie team have a list of wonderful ideas on how they aim to '**turn their concern in to action**' this year. Well done Year 6!

OFSTED

After fifteen years of waiting, OFSTED inspectors visited our school on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent voice questionnaire and sharing your comments and views either in writing or directly with the inspector, whom some of you met on the playground. As you may or may not be aware, the outcome of the inspection cannot be shared or discussed until the official publication of the report, which is expected to be no more than 30 days from the initial inspection date.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK: Monday 13 – Friday 17 November '*Make a noise about bullying*'. As part of the launch of Anti-bullying week we are inviting all pupils to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

The Sacramental Programme for pupils in year 3 and above will commence in the new year - 2024. Fr Paul, Sr. Phyllis and the catechists are in the process of setting a date to meet with parents/carers who wish for their children to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. For your information the dates to receive these sacraments have been arranged as follows:

First Forgiveness Thursday 14 March 6.30pm First Holy Communion Saturday 18 May 10.00am

STAFF UPDATE

At the end of this term, we will be saying a very special goodbye to Mrs Hart. With over 27 years of service to our school, she will be retiring from her position as school bursar. We will be very sad to see her go and we know that she will be missed by everyone who has received her support, kindness, time and love over the many years in our school office. Our Christmas mass at the end of this term will be offered for Mrs Hart in thanks for her service to our school.



FRIENDS OF ST. BEDE'S - FOSB

Sadly, due to lack of support the *Bingo Evening* last month had to be cancelled. Not to be deterred, the Events Team are continuing to work hard to arrange enjoyable activities for pupils and adults and families throughout the year.



You have recently received communication from the FOSB regarding arrangements for the Christmas Fair this year on **SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER at 12 noon**. Please offer your support, time, donations and attendance to make it a successful event – speak to your class rep or contact school admin@st-bedes.cheshire.sch.uk if you can volunteer your time.

Two non-uniform days have been set:

Friday 24 November	Chocolate for the Chocolate Raffle Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	A bottle for the Bottle Stall Year3, Year4, Year 5, Year 6
Friday 1 December	All pupils £1.00 donation	

The BIG raffle prizes are greatly received and cake/baked donations for the Cake Stall by Friday 1 December

WINTER UNIFORM POLICY

In line with our uniform policy, all pupils are required to wear their winter uniform – see below. Please note the main colour of our uniform is **BOTTLE GREEN**. We would request that pupils do not wear other colours.

Bottle green skirt/pinafore

White blouse/shirt – long or short sleeved

Bottle green cardigan, sweatshirt* or sweatshirt cardigan*

Grey trousers, short or long

Bottle green sweatshirt*

Green & gold tie*

Green/ Grey /white tights or socks NOT trainer/liner socks

Black or brown shoes of a sensible style NOT boots

**items available on line at myschoolstyle.com*

Long hair to be tied back with soft bobbles/bands – green or neutral colours.

We discourage extreme hair styles and that short hair is not to be cut below a No2 clip or to have lines shaved into it.

Building Fund

A BIG thank you to all the families who have made their contribution to this year's building fund appeal. Each year we have benefitted from diocesan support to improve the facilities around our school to make it an inviting environment for all our families. The most recent impact of this fund was the resurfacing of the KS2 flat roof, the hall roof and the replacement of rotting fascia's which was completed over the summer holiday. Funding has also been made available to investigate and resolve the flooding issues in the playground and the car park.

WORKING TOGETHER to SAFEGUARDING OUR PREMISES

Please note that the school premises begin at the top of the drive on Keepers Lane

At the start of the school day, pupils MUST be supervised by an adult when entering the school premises. Please wait with your child/ren in the playground until the morning doors are opened at 8.45am and a member of staff can supervise your hand over.

There have been an increasing number of pupils who are experiencing a 'stop and drop' on Keepers Lane. Often these children are left to enter school unsupervised, upset, and separate from their sibling or even running back to find their adults. These children are comforted and supported by kind parents who notice they are unsupervised and bring them into school.

PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILD/REN

PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY WHO MAY BE COLLECTING or VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- If, for any reason, you need to drive on to the school carpark – **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WITH CARE AT ALL TIMES** – especially those who attend before and after school club.
- Please do not ride bikes/scooters down the drive or on to the school playground. This can be hazardous to all pedestrians
- Please supervise your children before and after school and do not allow them to play on or with the playground equipment.
- Smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes/vaping is prohibited on the premises.

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023

	November	<i>Month of Holy Souls and Remembrance</i>
Thursday	9	Y2 Trip to Weaver Hall
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>
Wednesday	15	SNCHS Music Festival – Choir event
Friday	24	Non-uniform day – donations for the Christmas Fair (see above)
	December	<i>Advent</i>
Friday	1	Non-uniform day – £1.00 donation for the Christmas Fair
SATURDAY	2	CHRISTMAS FAIR 12 noon – 2.00pm (save the date)
Thur/Fri	7 & 8	<i>Crib Festival – details to follow</i>
Friday	8	<i>2.00pm KS2 Advent Service in St Bede's Church</i>
Wednesday	13	<i>2.00pm Rec/KS1 Christmas Production</i>
Thursday	14	<i>2.00pm and 6.00pm Rec/KS1 Christmas Production</i>
Monday	18	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i> <i>Christmas Dinner</i>
Tuesday	19	Whole school trip to the Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast
Wednesday	20	1.15pm Whole school Christmas Mass in School – all welcome 2.15pm 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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