



Spring Term NEWSLETTER March 2024



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side

Dear Parents/Carers,



Our Lenten Fundraising Activities have begun with the Year 5 'Cake Sale' last week. Other classes have arranged different ways of raising much needed funds to support the Diocesan Good Shepherd Appeal for Caritas. This is a charitable organisation which provides practical and emotional support for local children, families and refugees. [caritas link](#)

Over the next two weeks', pupils will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win a Fairtrade Hamper; guess the name of the bunny; guess the number of eggs in the jar; win an Easter egg in the 'Grand Easter Egg Raffle'. In addition, Year 4 are collecting copper coins, so please send in any 'small change' that you may have lying around in pockets and purses. And finally, if you are feeling particularly creative, you can design and make an Easter Bonnet for the parade on Thursday 28 March (£1.00 donation per entry to win a prize).



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to the pupils who received the Sacrament of Forgiveness last week. The pupils have shown maturity and reverence in their preparations during Lent. Thank you to the catechists, Fr Paul and Sr Phyllis for their support.

"We can never have too much confidence in God, He is so mighty, so merciful."

St Therese of Lisieux



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK in Our School

On Monday, pupils will begin this Holy Week by celebrating Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

On **Tuesday 26 March 2.15pm** you are invited to join us in school as the pupils use scripture, prayer and drama to walk through the Stations of the Cross.

On **Thursday 28 March** our school Mass will prepare us for the Holy Triduum and reflect on the Last Supper. This will take place at **1.30pm in SCHOOL (change of location from previous newsletter)**.

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YEAR 5 & 6 residential trip to the Lake District

What a wonderful week for our pupils and staff to visit the Lake District and enjoy the wonderful scenery and activities available to them. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return to school on Friday.

This lucky group of ramblers scaled Cat Bells and enjoyed their lunchtime overlooking the spectacular views of Skiddaw, with Newlands Valley to the west and Derwent Water to the east.

Friends of St Bede's PTA Fundraising Event



Thank you to everyone who helped with the School Disco on Friday. 'Bouncing Bob' entertained the children with fun and games. Their dancing was amazing and it was lovely to see the children having a wonderful time together with their friends. A super event, thank you for supporting!



SUMMER UNIFORM (Post Easter holiday)

Pupils are requested to wear their Summer uniform after the Easter Break holiday. School colours are **bottle green (not grey) and white:**

- **Bottle Green** Gingham checked dress; Black or brown shoes of a sensible style or sandals of a sensible style and colour (no boots). **Please DO NOT buy a 'playsuit' style outfit, this is not practical or suitable for school.**
- White Polo shirt; No tie; Plain grey trousers - long or short. Black or brown shoes of a sensible style or sandals of a sensible style and colour - no boots).
- Long hair to be tied back with school colours/neutral accessories. Hair to be a natural colour and no visible shaved lines.
- Jewellery is not to be worn for obvious health and safety reasons. Please provide a 'piercing certificate' for pierced ears and earrings **MUST** be covered with plasters for the period specified on the piercing certificate.

Link to school uniform shop: [click here](#)



**We will be holding a Preloved Uniform shop from
3.00pm/after school on Monday 25 March**

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SWIMMING GALA



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Swimming Gala this year. This event began in 1999 and has continued to be a highlight of our school calendar, twenty-five years later! We were once again delighted with the turnout of swimmers and spectators, especially from our younger pupils. Congratulations to the overall winning house **St John Paul** and all the individual winners. A special mention to Emma and Daniel who achieved the highest scores for boy and girl. It was such a wonderful occasion to see the children taking part, supporting each other, and showing determination and perseverance. Well done!



Volunteers – do you have some spare time in your week to help out in school? Teachers welcome your support to listen to children read, complete craft activities, or help with spellings and any other talents you may wish to share. Please contact the School Office or speak to a class teacher if you can volunteer your time. Volunteers will require a DBS check, but we will arrange this through school.

REMINDER: DINNER MONEY PRICE INCREASE

Due to rising costs, our school dinner provider ESENTIAL have informed us that there will be a price increase for individual dinners from 1 April 2024. The price of an individual meal will now cost £2.89 each. The increase, if a pupil takes a meal every day, will now be an **additional weekly cost** of £1.05, the weekly meals total cost is £14.45.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key dates for the Summer term – look out for updates

March 2024		
Mon-Fri	18-22	Y5 and Y6 Residential trip to Glaramara, Lake District
Thursday	21	Year 4 Activity Day at SNCHS
Tuesday	26	2.15pm Pupil led Stations of the Cross in school – All welcome
Thursday	28	1.30pm Whole School Mass at St Bede's SCHOOL All welcome! (please note change of location from previous newsletter) End of term – please collect from School at 2.30pm
EASTER BREAK		
April 2024		
Monday	15	Pupils Return – Summer Term commences
Friday	19	2.30pm Mass to celebrate Easter
Thursday	25	Y1/Reception trip – Imagine That!
Mon-Wed	29 Apr- 1 May	Y3/4 Residential trip to Robinwood
May 2024		
Wednesday	1	Y5 Northwich Sings performance (further details to follow)
Monday	6	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon - Thur	13-16	Y6 SATs WEEK
SATURDAY	18	Sacramental Programme – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday	24	2.30pm Whole School Mass PUPILS BREAK UP – HALF TERM
June 2024		
Monday	3	Pupils return to school
Friday	14	SPORTS DAY – Weather permitting
Monday	17	Y5 Activity Day at SNCHS
July 2024		
SATURDAY	6	SUMMER FAIR – Save the Date

REMINDER: School Office hours 8.30am - 4.30pm