

November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our first attempt at a paperless newsletter, so hopefully you will all receive it via e mail and it will be a positive step forward in communications and helping to reduce photocopying and paper usage. All communications are still available in a paper copy, please contact the School Office if you require a paper copy.

Safeguarding:

E-safety: Can I remind parents to monitor their child's online activity, we have had a number of concerns from parents regarding inappropriate or offensive content being sent to their child via other children in school.

Parking and Congestion: As St Bede's is located in quite a built-up area this results in the roads and pathways around the school becoming very congested around drop off / pick up times. Last week, a child was involved in a minor incident with a car when leaving school, the child was unharmed however the child and parent were shaken up by the incident.

Can I remind parents to park safely, legally and with consideration for our school neighbours. Whenever possible could you consider traveling to school on foot as this not only reduces congestion but promotes a healthy, active lifestyle.

Jewellery: Can I remind parents that children are not allowed to wear earrings in school for health and safety reasons. We still have a number of children wearing earrings – even if they were pierced towards the end of the school holiday, they should be able to be removed now. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Faith in Action:

Can I take this opportunity to thank the generosity in supporting the Harvest Festival Appeal and the more recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal (it is not too late to donate to this – we are collecting small new toys or hats / gloves this week). As always St Bede's children have shown their love for others with their kindness.

Science Show:

The Royal Institute for Science visited our school this week. Not only did we have a wonderful whole school Science Show but also a very well attended community science show during the afternoon. Thank you to Miss Ward for organising the event and thank you to all those who attended.

Remembrance Observation:

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in our Parish Mass to reflect on Remembrance Sunday. This year we also walked to the Cemetery to say some prayers together and lay a wreath at the war memorial – it was a very respectful and reverent experience and I was very proud of all of the children. Thank you to all of the parents and parishioners who joined us in this act of remembrance.

Parish Event:

'A Life Remembered' is a gentle service which takes place on Sunday 17th November at St Bede's Church at 4pm, giving people the opportunity to remember any loved ones who have passed. All are welcome – see Parish bulletin for further information.

Forthcoming Christmas Events – dates for your diaries (further information to follow):

- 2nd December: Christmas Crafts After School Activity
4th December: EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner (information already given on Parentpay)
All KS2 children will have a packed lunch on this day
5th December: KS2 Christmas Dinner (information already given on Parentpay)
All EYFS / KS1 children will have a packed lunch on this day
6th December: Christmas Jumper Day (£1.00 donation for charity)
7th December: Parish Social Evening (information on school website)
13th December: EYFS / KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm
17th December: KS2 Christmas Party Day
17th December: EYFS / KS1 Panto visit
17th December: KS2 Carols by Candlelight in St Bede's Church 6pm
19th December: KS2 Panto visit
19th December: EYFS / KS1 Christmas Party Day
20th December: Whole School Christmas Mass 9.30am

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have anything that you need to discuss.
Mrs Young