

Weekly Dates Letter



Week Commencing 27th January 2020 Spring Term Week 18
A Fantastic Start to the New Year!

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter of this new year! We would all like to wish you a very happy and healthy 2020!

As usual at St Bede's we have a very busy couple of weeks coming up. We have put all of the dates for the following fortnight on this newsletter.

This year the Friends of St Bede's are very kindly fundraising to try to raise **£3000 for much needed ICT equipment** throughout the whole school. The Friends are planning on holding a 'Table Top Sale' in the near future and more details will follow. Anyone wishing to join the Friends group, please let us know. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

You can really help us out by using **easyfundraising** to do any shopping you need to do before 2nd Feb. It's **DOUBLE DONATION WEEK**, which means you'll raise TWICE as much for St Bede's R.C. Primary School - Sacriston at no extra cost to yourself!

The **Wilderness Camp** letter for Year 5 and Year 6 children will be out this week. Sorry for the delay, we are just finalising the details.

We are now in to our 4th week as a **cashless school** and we hope you are finding the new system easy to use. Being a cashless school has impacted hugely in the office, especially at the start of the day, and will save us £500 a year. If anyone is having any problems, please contact Mrs. Daynes, who is always happy to help. If anyone changes their address, telephone numbers or mobile numbers please let us know.

Events for your diary

Reception are having a visit this week from Fire Service today as part of their 'People who help us' topic. We're sure they will have a great time.

Year 1 will be going to Sherburn Gymnastics Club on Wednesday 29th January to take part in the Gymnastics Carousel. Children should come to school wearing their PE T-shirt, school sweatshirt, jogging pants and trainers and bring a bottle of water. Please send their school uniform in with them, so they can change when they come back at lunchtime.

Year 6 will be visiting Northumbria University on Wednesday 29th January to give the children an introduction to university life. The children need to wear their school uniform for this trip and should come to school for 8:30 am. They will need a packed lunch. If you have not returned your consent form for this trip, please could you send it to school tomorrow morning.

Class 4 are taking part in the 'Go Ride' sessions this half term. Session 1 is on Thursday 30th January. The children should bring their bikes and helmets to the school hall at 8:45 am. This will be on every Thursday until the end of half term.

Our Award winners and attendance and 100 Club winners can be found on our website at

<http://www.stbedesacriston.co.uk/pupils/weekly-awards/>

Please remember to check our Twitter feed for what's going on in school everyday [@StBedeSacriston](https://twitter.com/StBedeSacriston)

Just a reminder

Please remember that packed lunches should not contain any nut products due to allergies and all grapes should be cut in half to guard against choking incidents.

Punctuality

Please remember the bell for school to start rings at 8:55am. It is really important that all children are on time each day as teaching starts at 9:00am promptly and it does impact on a child's education and self esteem.

Please could all parents also ensure they collect their child/ren on time at the end of the day. If a parent is repeatedly late, they may be charged for after school care.

Local Offer



Durham County Council have revamped their Local Offer website. This offers support to parents for children with special educational needs or disabilities. See <http://www.durham.gov.uk/localoffer> for more details.

'Time to Talk Day'

6th February is 'time to talk day.' Next week we will be having an emotional wellbeing assembly for all children and we will also be holding a **Family Learning Session with Mrs Forth on 'Exploring emotional wellbeing and mindfulness for families'** next Friday afternoon. All welcome.

Key dates for the next 2 weeks

Tuesday 28th January

Class 3 swimming- please bring all of your kit.

Wednesday 28th January

8:30 am Year 6 to Northumbria University - see the events section.

9:30am Year 1 Gymnastics Carousel - see the events section.

Thursday 30th January

8:25am - 8:55am Year 6 SATs Club

1:30pm Class 4 Go Ride Cycling session 1 - please bring bikes and helmets to the school hall in the morning.

Guitar and Ukulele lessons in school - please remember your instruments.

4:30pm First Holy Communion session 4 - it is the deadline for reply slips for ties and payment.

Sunday 2nd February

9:00 am First Holy Communion children to attend Mass - Presentation of the Lord.

Tuesday 4th February

Class 3 Swimming- please bring all of your kit.

Wednesday 5th February

8:25am - 8:55am Year 6 SATs Club
1:30pm Class 1 and Class 2 Captain Chemistry.

Thursday 6th February

8:25am - 8:55am Year 6 SATs Club
10:00 am Class 3 and Class 4 to Parish Mass.

1:30pm Class 4 Go Ride Cycling session 2 - please bring bikes and helmets to the school hall in the morning.

Guitar and Ukulele lessons in school - please remember your instruments.

Friday 7th February

2.15pm: 'Exploring emotional wellbeing and mindfulness for families' session. All welcome.