



St Bede's Happy News!



Issue 2

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Holy Week is Here!

Dear St Bede's family,

We hope you are all well and staying safe indoors. Hopefully you will be in a little bit of a routine now and enjoying your home learning experience.

We understand that most parents are not teachers and that your day may be quite different to a day at school but are so impressed with all the great work that we have been hearing and seeing from you.

Your teachers have loved reading your e-mails and seeing your pictures. Thank you so much for sharing these. We have also loved your creative ideas for learning at home - Mums and Dads are trying very hard to make learning fun! Please be kind to them boys and girls.

Remember, we are sharing lots of ideas on our **Twitter account @StBedeSacriston** so please keep checking this. It is also on the home page of our website which is at www.stbedessacriston.co.uk if you do not have a twitter account.

Teachers have also been busy uploading lots of new resources to our website. This is on our **website in 'curriculum and classes' on a new page called 'home learning'**. We are also currently exploring ideas for after the Easter holidays; if you have any suggestions of work that you may like to help or that you have particularly enjoyed, please do let us know.

We have our parent/teacher **e-mail address** so you can share your lovely work with your teacher, ask

any questions you may have or simply say hi! The e-mail address is stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net. We would love to try to hear from all families **at least once a week** and would encourage you or your child to send your teacher an e-mail each week after the Easter holidays. Please allow them time to respond, however, in line with our communication policy. Please also be aware that **all staff can access this e-mail**. If you have a confidential query, e-mail Mrs Alderson at st.bedes.rc.sacriston@durhamlearning.net

If you have a safeguarding concern, please telephone 03000267979 or e-mail Mrs Alderson via the confidential office e-mail address.

We will only be opening school for emergency care for the children of key workers and will be opening around the hours needed for these children in order to continue to limit non-essential working for staff. Please **DO NOT** call school as it is highly unlikely we will be able to answer. Please let us know asap if you are key workers and require childcare.

Your best method of communication is via our e-mail address. However, **in the event of an emergency only**, we do have a school mobile phone number you can contact during school hours. This is 07833868921. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Remember, we understand how worrying a time this is for everyone and want to help you in any way we can.

Our community has excellent support in place.

E-mail enquiries@sacristonenterprisesworkshops.co.uk should you require help from their food bank, know someone who would benefit from their 'befriending' service or could volunteer to help.

We hope you all have a peaceful and prayerful Holy Week and a wonderful Easter celebration, celebrating the Risen Christ and enjoying lots of chocolate eggs and happy family times.

Tread carefully,
Mrs Alderson and the staff

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Today is the day we break up for the Easter holidays for two weeks, recommencing school on Monday 20th April. We have not heard at this point that school will be reopening which may mean home learning continues. We will update you should the government announce any changes to this situation.

We hope you spend this fortnight enjoying family time and celebrating Easter. Please note that our staff also will be on holiday and spending time with their own families, so we will not be responding to the parent e-mail facility during this time in order to allow everyone to have a good break.

Thank you for your continued patience and support at this time; your kindness and care for all of our staff and has been appreciated more than you will ever know.

Birthdays



Wednesday 1st April

Kasi-Lea

Sunday 5th April

Miss Armstrong

Monday 6th April

James Rich

Tuesday 7th April

Abbi

Wednesday 8th April

Harvey

Saturday 11th April

Jenny

Tuesday 21st April

Jessica

Wednesday 22nd April

Sammy

Thursday 23rd April

Olivia

Evie P

Friday 24th April

Ollie

George

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing at present. Please do keep in your house and follow the government guidelines carefully. See <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for more details.



Happy News!



Whilst there is a lot going in the world at present, we thought it would be nice to share happy news on this newsletter to cheer us all up!

We would love for you to share your happy news and photos with us so please send any in to our e-mail account at stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net and we will try to include it in future newsletters.

Here is some of our happy news this week:

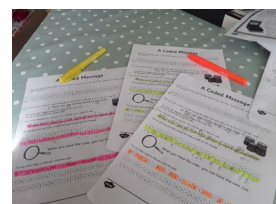
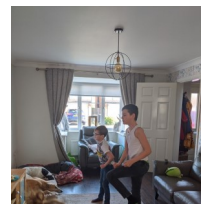
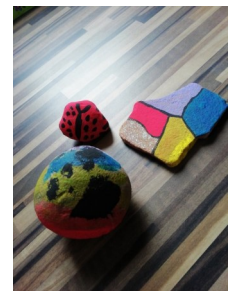
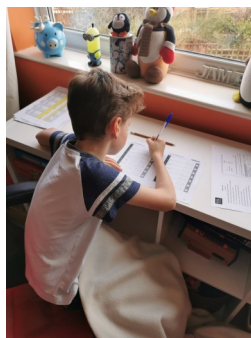
- Jessica has been busy writing a fantastic book called 'JJ and Sydney's Adventures', which she kindly shared with us. We think we have a budding author in our midst!
- The Thursday night 8pm clap for our amazing NHS workers has been absolutely wonderful. Staff all are taking part each week and we hope Mums and Dads are too.
- Miss Armstrong is looking forward to spending her birthday reading and creating some art work on Sunday-Happy birthday!
- James in Y6 shares a birthday weekend with his brother, Sean, this weekend. They are planning a zoom party with their family! For all upcoming birthdays, see our front page. We hope you all have a great time and manage to party indoors!
- Mrs Spratt is delighted as the BBC are planning to air some sporting highlights such as the Euro '96 tournament!

'The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.'
Mark Twain

Happy Home Learning



We have had so many examples of great work happening this week...here are a few examples! Thank you for sharing these. Keep up the hard work!



Sunshine

Everyone is being asked to spread some joy during this time by putting pictures of different things each week in their windows for all to see.

This week the theme is sunshine. In the Gospel of Matthew, we are told, 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.' Matthew 5:16. See if you can shine like the sun this week through your kind actions and words to your families. Perhaps you could call a family member who may be lonely and brighten up their day,

Here are some lovely examples of sunshines you have shared with us this week...



During the coming weeks, there will be different themes, as follows:

w/c: 6th April: Easter

w/c 13th April: Animals

w/c 20th April: Flowers

w/c 27th April: Smiley faces

Please feel free to e-mail your pictures to

stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net for our future newsletters!

Lenten Meditation

Lord Jesus, when I am sad and depressed

Help me think of you praying in the garden.

Lord Jesus, when I am fearful
help me to think of you being taken prisoner.

Lord Jesus, when I am ill
help me to think of you being scourged at the pillar.

Lord Jesus, when I have a headache
help me to think of you wearing the crown of thorns.

Lord Jesus, when I am tired
help me to think of you carrying the cross for love of me.

Lord Jesus, when I am humiliated
help me to think of you being stripped of your garments.

Lord Jesus, when I am in pain
help me to think of you being nailed to the cross.

Lord Jesus, when I am lonely
help me to think of you hanging on the cross.

Lord Jesus, when I am dying
Help me to think of you dying on the cross for love of me.

Lord Jesus, help me to remember
how much you suffered for love of me
and help me to love you more and more.
Amen.

*Diana Ng-Sutherland,
CAFOD*

We have uploaded some ideas for Holy Week on to our website on our home learning page.

There are also lots of lovely resources online at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Get-ready-for-Easter>

Fr Chris is also celebrating Mass each day online and you can view these on the Facebook page of the Parish of St Bede and St Cuthbert. We are also sharing links for these on our twitter page.



Easter wishes From Your Teachers!

Hi Class 1.

How are you all doing? Are you missing school? I know we are missing you lovely boys and girls so much!!

I hope you have all been trying really hard with your homework packs. Remember to read every day, do lots of number work, practise your sounds and words, and when you write remember to sound out your words, sit your letters on the lines, use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Phew... that's a lot to remember isn't it?

Are you looking forward to Easter? I hope the Easter Bunny is good to you all. Make sure you do lots of lovely Easter crafts and send us some pictures. Don't eat all of those chocolate eggs at once!!

We look forward to seeing you all soon and pray you and your families all stay safe and well. Take care and be kind to each other.

Lots of love,

Mrs Spratt and Mrs Penfold

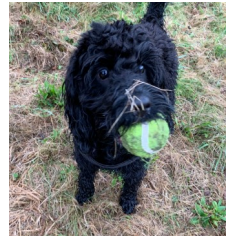
Hello Class 2!

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. We are all missing you, but we love to see your work on twitter or on the emails you are sending to school. We can still give out Silver Cards for excellent work and behaviour!

We hope you are all looking after the seeds that you planted, remember to give them water and sun and they say that plants grow better if you talk to them! Mrs Holtham is spending lots of time in the garden with Lucy - she is keeping her fit and exercised!

Enjoy Easter and make sure you look after your families and stay safe.

Love and prayers to you all, Mrs Holtham, Mrs Ord and Mrs Luke



Hello Class 3,

I hope you have enjoyed this special time with your families and you are learning lots of new life skills. I have been busy teaching Ewan how to bake, Finley is learning to sew buttons and Poppy loves joining in with everything! I have loved seeing your art work, baking, computer work and who knew how much we could do in our own gardens and yards?

Even though we are all making the most of it and having fun, I do miss you all terribly. Over Easter, you might want to start a little hobby or project. Can you make an Easter decoration? I hope to see you all very soon. Stay safe, happy and healthy.

All our love Mrs Tervit, Mrs Cronin and Miss Armstrong.

Class 4,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. We are missing you all so much but it has been lovely to see some examples of your fantastic work and things that you have been up to at home with your families - we are so proud of you all.

Make sure you take the time over Easter to relax and enjoy some time doing things you enjoy (and eat lots of chocolate of course). We are taking some time to appreciate what we have and finding the positives in every day. We look forward to hearing from you all again after Easter!

Love from Mrs Jones, Mrs Maitland and Miss Mason.

HAPPY Easter