

ST. BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Mrs S Clarke
Head Teacher



20th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the end of another week at St Bede's I'd like to take this opportunity to commend the children on how well they have settled into the new school year. Whenever I've been into classrooms, I've seen hard working, focused children; eager to learn new things. I have to say a particular highlight was the science lesson in Class 3! They were using lots of practical equipment, learning about forces! It is lovely to see things gradually getting back to normal! It was also lovely to celebrate the start of our new academic year at Mass in church. It has been such a long time since we were able to and the children were all fantastic. Fingers crossed that it won't be long before we can invite parents along to these special occasions.

Please note our new email address is: stbs@stbs.bwcet.com any correspondence should be sent to this mailbox, although we will still be able to access emails sent to the old address until 30th September.

House Captains

Year 6 pupils gave excellent individual speeches in their bid to be elected as House Captains. Votes are still coming in from across the school and winners will be announced as soon as results are verified. It is unfortunate that we can only have 2 winners from each house – but there will be other positions for Year 6 to apply for! Good Luck to those who stood for election – we certainly have some budding politicians in our midst.

Football

Well done to all of Class 4 who took part in the football trials and were selected for the team. It was wonderful to watch their first matches as a new squad last week. Although we didn't win they showed true sporting excellence; working together as a team and supporting one another, whilst demonstrating determination and resilience.

Miles for refugees

Tomorrow, the whole school will participate in 'Miles for refugees. We will run/walk a collective 120 miles on International Day of Peace. We hope you will support us by sponsoring us – you can find the details on the following website.

<https://miles.redcross.org.uk/fundraising/Milesforrefugees21-StBedesSacriston>

Each class will run/walk their miles at various points throughout the day! We will pray for good weather!

Morning Club

Please remember that Morning Club is now operational from 8-8:45am each morning at £2 per session. Children can access various craft activities and will be supervised until 8:45 when they will go to their respective classes.

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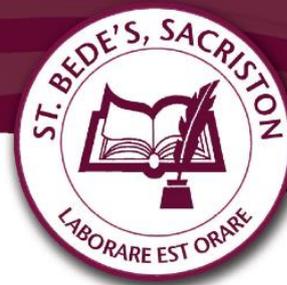
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After School Collections

Thank you for supporting us as we trial new end of day procedures. Some parents have voiced concern about the number of people using the gate by the entrance to school. We will now be opening both gates to provide more space at this entrance and hopefully alleviate this issue. We would ask that you try and maintain social distancing whilst on the school grounds wherever possible, to ensure everyone feels as safe as they possibly can whilst collecting their children.

Letters

We would ask that any letters etc that need to be returned to us – are sent into school with your child(ren) who should hand them to their class teacher at registration. They will then be sent by the class teacher to the office. Hopefully this will reduce the number of people coming into the main entrance at the start of the day as children are coming into school.

Reception 2022 Admissions

For any children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you will need to complete an application, stating which primary school you would like your child to attend.

You still need to apply even if you have an older child attending the same school. Each year we have a number of children who miss out on a place in our Reception class because parents have forgotten to apply for a place. **The deadline for applications is midnight on Friday, 15 January 2022.** The offer of school places will be made on 19th April 2022.

Please note that applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Secondary School 2022 Admissions

For any children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, you will need to complete an application, stating which secondary school you would like your child to attend. The application process opened on September 14th and you will have received a letter regarding this (sent to Year 6 parents). **The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Sunday 31 October 2021.** Once again, it is very important to apply for a secondary school place by the deadline, as a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.

Please note that all must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from the website address above. Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we cannot send in forms on behalf of parents.

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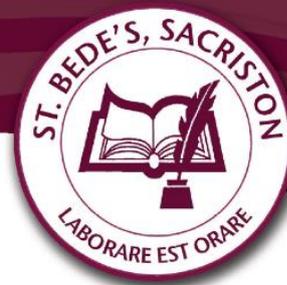
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COVID-19 Information

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading:

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 16 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (*recommended for 11 years and over*).

From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid. Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school until they get the test result, as long as they have no symptoms. We will notify parents of positive case in their child's class in order to help keep you informed.

It continues to be important that if your child has to go for a PCR test, that you inform the school office of this at stbs@stbs.bwcet.com

We would also ask that that you let us know the result when you have this too. Although schools are no longer required to 'Track and Trace' we are still expected to have this information and may be contacted by Public Health to assist them.

Thank you for your continued support during this first couple of weeks; it continues to be very much appreciated – by our whole staff community.

With every best wish for the week ahead,

Mrs Clarke

Headteacher

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