



St Bede's Catholic Infant School Easter Newsletter 2022

'Learn to love, Love to learn.'

All of the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting your wonderful children into our care. Our partnership is built on trust and mutual respect and we are all so proud of each other. Our determination together with you to do what is right and best for each and every child is clear and ensures that the children have the most amazing opportunities to enable them to be all that they can be.
God bless from all of the Infant staff xx

An Easter Blessing

May you and your loved ones be blessed with love, peace and joy as you celebrate the Risen Christ this Easter.

MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Bede's Catholic Infant School it is the mission of the whole school community to nurture a loving, safe, caring, supportive, quality environment in which the individual has the opportunity to develop intellectually, spiritually, morally, socially and emotionally in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

School Curriculum

We are very proud of our school curriculum which is broad, balanced, enriched, inclusive and relevant to our children. We define the curriculum as the totality of learning experiences the children are offered and agree that this is the substance of education. Our schemes of work cover all areas of the EYFS curriculum in Reception and all subjects of the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum in Years 1 and 2 (core and foundation), RE and RSHE. Curriculum Overviews are included in the Home/School Diary and on the website and in the Prospectus which is updated in the Autumn term of each year and each contain a more detailed coverage of curriculum areas. The school curriculum is enhanced through many exciting opportunities including focused weeks such as our Arts and Awe and Wonder Week, Emotional Health and Wellbeing Week, British Values and Equalities Week and Physical Health and Wellbeing Week. We have an array of extra-curricular activities for all children to enjoy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the curriculum.

Easter Service

The Year 2 children presented their Easter Service to the Reception and Year 1 children in the hall. They also shared the service with parents, governors, Father Mark and the community in church. The service was beautiful and the Easter story re-told in the way only children can. Father Mark said wonderful things about the children at the end of the Service. He invited them to come up onto the Alter and sing their final song again. The children were delighted. To add to the excitement Father Mark also allowed them (and me!) to ring the church bell!

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

"St Bede's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment".



St Bede's Catholic Infant School
Child Protection and Children in Public Care.
Designated Safeguarding Lead and also
Designated Teacher with responsibility for
promoting the educational achievement of
children previously looked after.
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Designated Governor
Safeguarding Officer

Miss J Scragg
Mrs A Bird
Mrs H Lane
Miss J Coughlan

Safeguarding Policies

Copies of appropriate safeguarding policies are posted on the school website or can be obtained from the office. Volunteers undergo a DBS check in line with DfE Guidance.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Miss Scragg (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

The group has met to discuss our ongoing focus around Kind Hands, Kind Feet and Kind Words. We have also completed an anti-bullying questionnaire from the Anti-Bullying Alliance and all responses were very positive with the majority of children really loving coming to school and those who said that they weren't happy the reasons were that they had fallen out with their friend, they wanted to stay at home and play or that they didn't want to do too much work! The children have come up with a few ideas for the children across the school to engage with over the Summer Term. We will keep you updated as soon as their ideas are finalised.



Safety Week Miss Scragg (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

After Easter we will be having a week of activities linked to keeping safe. We deliver these important messages regularly throughout the year including the NSPCC Underwear Rule, E-Safety and Stranger Danger. The ongoing high focus around safety forms part of our RSHE curriculum.

Fundraising

Thank you so much for your generous donations and support for all fundraising and charity events.

Easter Fundraising £1174.26

School Website www.stbedesinfants.co.uk Miss Parle

Amongst lots of other useful information and links you will find:

Curriculum information

Pupil Premium Strategy

PE/Sports Funding Statement and Review

Equalities and Accessibility Action Plans/Strategies

Term Dates

Our most recent RE Inspection report

The schools most recent Ofsted Inspection Report can be accessed via the school website or at:

www.ofsted.gov.uk

A Link to Ofsted's Parent View

Required published information relating to the Governing Body and its Committees

Schools Complaints Procedure

Admission Policies 2022 and 2023

School SEND Information Report and Link to LA Local Offer

And much more!!!

Twitter

Don't forget that you can find out about events and notices by following St Bede's Infants on Twitter. Just follow us @stbedesinfants to find out more!

Arrangements for visiting the school

You can find out about your child's progress by:

- Attending termly parent consultations to which you will be invited.
The consultations take place once a term and give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. The meeting is intended to last five minutes. However, should you need longer, this can be arranged with the class teacher for another mutually convenient date and time.
- Every Monday in term time between 3.15-4.00pm there is an opportunity to see your child's class teacher if you need a longer appointment.
- By making an appointment with the Headteacher.

Parent/Carers wishing to visit the school in connection with the possible admission of their child are invited to do so by making an appointment with the Headteacher.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your support and co-operation. The children's punctuality and attendance is essential to ensuring high standards of learning. To keep you informed a letter will be sent to you at the beginning of each half term detailing your child's attendance percentage. We are aware of any extenuating circumstances as to why a child's attendance may appear low. Attendance will also be discussed at Open Occasions and will be noted on children's end of year reports. Please refer to current Government guidance for Covid regulations.

Reminder

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence. Medical evidence may be required if your child's absence falls below 90%.

Attendance and Leave of Absence Policies can be found on our website. As you will see from the policy all requests for leave of absence in term time should be made using schools leave of absence in term time request form and evidence of the exceptional circumstances must be provided for all requests and attached to the form.

Where a pupil is absent from school without the permission of the school, the parent/carer of the pupil may be issued with a £60 penalty notice per parent per child. If the notice remains unpaid after 21 days the penalty increases to £120. If the notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority may commence proceedings under section 444 (1) of the 1996 Education Act in the Magistrates Court.

We do understand that there may be exceptional circumstances for absence. In line with our Attendance for Learning Policy school will always provide appropriate support to pupils during and following long term absence. The percentage attendance at the end of the Spring term is 94.36%.

Administration of Medicine

Medicines can only be administered by trained staff. If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day you are welcome to come in and administer the medicine if you prefer. If a member of staff is to administer medicine, a parental agreement form must be completed beforehand. For practical reasons we ask that you arrange to come into school at 8.30am or 3.00-3.30pm and a trained member of staff will be available to provide you with an agreement form. If you are bringing in medication please ensure that it is in date, in the original container, marked with a pharmacy label, stating the child's name, the type of medicine and the required dosage and storage instructions. The medicine container also needs to be in a plastic box with a lid and labelled with the child's name.

Guidance from HBC is that medication should only be brought into school when essential i.e. where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Their advice is that wherever possible parents should administer medication outside of school hours for example if the medication only has to be taken three times a day.

Reminder Health and Safety

Our School Site which includes the playground is designated as a no smoking area. Please do not smoke on school premises, including the playground as you will be politely asked to extinguish the cigarette. No dogs are allowed on the playground. Even the gentlest of animals can bite when excited. Also please do not leave dogs unattended and tied to the railings. Again you will be politely reminded of the need to stay with the dog at all times.

Before and after school, children should stay close to their parents. Please take extra special care in the car parking areas. Thank you as always for your co-operation.

Emergency Contact Details

Could you please ensure that you inform the school office of any changes to:-

Your home address/telephone number including mobile number

The emergency contact person(s) and their telephone number(s)

Persons who will be collecting your child from school.

Halton Families Information Service

The Family Information Service is a free, impartial service giving detailed information and advice on childcare facilities and information on a wide range of services for children and young people aged 0-19 and their families in Halton. You can contact them on 01928 704306 or visit www.halton.gov.uk

School Performance Tables

Parents/carers may access School performance tables published by the secretary of state on the department for education's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

A link is also available on the school website.

Headteacher's Report

The most recent Headteacher's Termly Report to the Governing Body Part 1 is available at Reception in the main entrance.

Small print can be enlarged in documents available to the public and made available in a variety of formats. Support is available from the school office when completing forms.

Come and See Topics for Summer Term (Miss Scragg)

	Pentecost Serving	Reconciliation Inter-relating	Universal Church World
Year 2	Spread the Word	Rules	Treasures
Year 1	Holidays and Holydays	Being Sorry	Neighbours
Reception Year	Good News	Friends	Our World

Click [here](#) for details of each topic

Spirituality Group

We met together and discussed Lent and made some Lenten promises which we shared with the other children as part of one of our Collective Worship. We have added them to our Lenten display and invited other children to make their own promises too. We also continue to support the children in classes and in the hall when we come together for Collective Worship.

School/Parish Links

Father Bill is once again our link priest and we look forward to his visits. Our thanks to Father Mark for his ongoing support too.

CAFOD Club

The children have met to discuss our ongoing high focus on protecting our world, Laudato Si and engagement in Catholic Social Teaching. We are working towards our Live Simply Award and will be continuing to work with the whole school and our school community to highlight the importance of Living Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity. We will keep you informed and share some of our actions, reflections and collective worships with you so that you can participate too.

Reading at St Bede's Catholic Infants (Miss Hesling)

Just a reminder that our home reading books are now been organised into 'Reading Steps' which you will notice as your children bring them home. If you have any questions about this restructuring, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to explain this further.

'Just Imagine' books have been used well and children have enjoyed accessing a range of books to read for pleasure at home with their friends and family. It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement as they pick new books to share at home. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to developing your children's love of reading.

Book Fair

We also held another successful book fair with our reading partner Liz Neale from Usborne Books. The book fair was very busy indeed and it was lovely to see so many families picking out books which we hope become firm favourites in your homes. The total amount spent was £850.61! Thanks to your support, this means that as a school we are able to select books to the grand total of £510. New will use this to support and enhance our ever exciting curriculum. We hope to continue working alongside Liz Neale to provide reading workshops for the children which will promote our strong reading culture.

Reception and Year 2 Library Club

Children in Reception and Year 2 have enjoyed Library Club. They have explored the differences between fiction and non-fiction, had fun with story sacks and tried their hand at being authors of their own books. Well done children – you are amazing bookworms!

Puzzle Club Miss Boardman

Reception and Year 2 have taken part in Puzzle Club during the Spring Term. The children have enjoyed completing a variety of games and activities including mystery solving games, maths and word puzzles and jigsaws. They have even had the opportunity to create their own jigsaw puzzle.

Well done to all the fantastic puzzlers!

Science Workshop for Parents of Reception Children (Miss Scragg Science Coordinator)

Each year we host a Science Through Play Workshop for the parents of our Reception children to attend. Last year, due to the COVID restrictions, we were unable to invite parents into school so we shared a virtual workshop for parents to access at home. We felt that this year due to ongoing cases we would again have a virtual workshop and also include the document on the Reception section of the school website. The document has information about science in reception along with a number of investigations, simple experiments, opportunities for speaking and listening and a range of ongoing activities. At school we always want children to be able to access a fun and practical science curriculum which is built upon as the children move into Key Stage 1. We hope you enjoy having-a-go at some of the activities. Please let us know how you get on and we would love you to send photos too. Email address is

science@stbedesinfants.co.uk



PE/Sports (Mrs Bellard)

Sports Ambassadors

We are proud of our six Sports Ambassadors who are working with Mrs Bellard to further enrich and enhance our provision of Sport in school. The children have already come up with some fabulous ways to continue to promote sport and PE within our school.

Sports Funding

This term we have continued to use our Sports Funding to provide specialist Dance training along with a new Dance scheme from Creative Steps and new orienteering equipment and training from Enrich Education. We have also used the funding to purchase sports equipment for our school playground to support the delivery of high quality PE and sport throughout the school day.

Enrich Education

This term all children have been given the opportunity to take part in two enrichment days provided by Enrich Education. The children have taken part in both a Geography and Science themed day with cross curricular links with PE. The sessions gave the children the opportunity to support both their Science and Geography knowledge while keeping active. The sessions were enjoyed by all the children and staff.

Creative Steps Dance

This year we have used our PE and Sports Funding to purchase a new dance programme to support the planning and delivery of dance throughout the school. The dance programme has been provided by Creative Steps and this term Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have had the opportunity to take part in dance lessons from the company. These lessons have also provided invaluable support and training for all teaching staff, helping to further enhance our provision of high quality PE lessons.

Arts (Mrs Jackson, Miss Tittensor)

Art Club and Drama Club (Miss Tittensor, Mrs Jackson)

Year 1 children have been consolidating their skills in Art Club. They have loved collecting materials from the outdoors to use in their art. They have independently applied skills of frottage and layering and have used these techniques to create a range of textures and patterns. The children have also engaged beautifully when drawing and painting alongside music and images linked to Chinese New Year.

Reception children have been creating collaborative and individual art pieces linked to holidays and celebrations such as St Patrick's Day and Easter.

Year 2 and Year 1 children have been using traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs as stimulus in Drama Club. The children have loved playing hot seat and freeze frame to find out more about the different

characters and stories. They have been enjoying lots of speaking and listening opportunities when acting out different characters and experimenting by using their voice, body, movement and facial expressions to take on different roles.

Creative Steps

Year 2 – the children enjoyed a range of wonderful Creative Steps sessions linked to their geography learning. The children danced to different tempos and they learned both an 'Arctic' and a 'Desert' inspired dance. The children also created their own dances linked to these two topics.

Year 1 – the children loved moving in a range of different ways. They enjoyed the theme of fairy tales and enchantment. The children particularly enjoyed working collaboratively to form their very own enchanted towers. They danced to music with a range of tempos and they explored dynamics and pitch through their responses to the music.

Reception – the children have been enjoying a range of sessions linked to growing, changing and feelings. They have moved between being caterpillars and have turned into beautiful butterflies, using props and their bodies whilst moving to music through the various stages of a caterpillar's life. They have been travelling in different ways (slow, fast, small, tall, skipping, twirling) and have been learning about following routines and working collaboratively. The children were also encouraged to move their bodies in ways that expressed different emotions, i.e. running quickly to express excitement, stomping to express anger and skipping to express happiness.

Runcorn Shopping City HPAN Exhibition Monday 14th February 2022 – 3rd March 2022

A wonderful selection of art work from our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children has been on display in Runcorn Shopping City. We had lots of fun exploring and celebrating the theme of 'Light'.



Infant Music Festival (Miss Parle)

Our Year 2 children will be taking part in the Infant Music Festival in May. This very successful annual event has become an integral part of the Year 2 Summer Term schedule and we are delighted that the event will be taking place this year. The theme is 'Space' and the children have started to learn the fantastic songs and actions. We are delighted to host the children from St. Gerard's school this year too!

Year 2 Choir (Miss Parle)

The Year 2 choir has been working incredibly hard to learn songs for this year's Infant Music Festival. We have also been preparing the music for Easter Service. The children show their commitment and enthusiasm each week and they work very hard to learn lots of difficult lyrics. I'm sure there are budding stars of stage and screen amongst our very talented bunch!

Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Steering groups

The children have met again during our Spring term and have continued to discuss how their roles can have an impact upon the school. The children took an active role in helping to plan out future events including Fair Trade, ECO, RRSA and Mental Health and Well-Being initiatives and enjoyed celebrating in the successes of previously planned events and achievements including Emotional Health and Well-Being week and continuing to maintain our 'Fair Achiever' Status.

School Council

The children have met to discuss their ongoing role across the school. As a group we will be getting involved in activities focusing on the Queen's upcoming Jubilee and also launching a competition for the Easter holidays around the Jubilee. Keep a look out and we hope that lots of you will take part. We will also be looking at other activities that we can get involved in over the Summer term.

Emotional Health and Well Being Week

During this week the children got to experience many different aspects of what it means to keep ourselves healthy both physically and mentally. At the beginning of the week all children got to visit the Life Education Bus. They learnt all about different parts of the body and how to recognise and deal with emotions. They were also lucky enough to get a visit from Harold the Giraffe! Throughout the rest of the week the children took part in a round robin activity within their own year groups in which they got to spend time in each class learning about a different area of Health and Well-being. They got to experience mindfulness movement sessions and peer massage, learnt about our emotions and how things like exercise, art, reading and music can affect our mood and learnt lots of information about healthy eating and the importance of keeping both our bodies and mind healthy. All the children and staff had a fantastic week and we look forward to future Health and Well Being weeks!

Fun with Food (Mrs Bird)

Thank you to all our Year One and Two children who have attended our 'Fun with Food' after school sessions. The children have had lots of fun and discovered lots about different foods and food preparation. I can't wait to see our Reception children after the Easter Holidays!

Miss Parle (Computing and Remote Education Lead)

Purple Mash

We are really pleased that many of our children are using the fantastic online learning resource called Purple Mash. It can be accessed at any time and each child has their own username and password. These details can be found on the inside front cover of their Home Reading diary. To access Purple Mash, visit

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stbedeswa8> and explore the great learning games and activities.

Spanish Club (Miss Hesling)

As always, Spanish club has proven very popular this year! The children have been such a joy to teach throughout the sessions and we have had lots of fun this year. I look forward to working with our Year 1 children next term and learn lots of new songs and phrases with the children.

Provisional Dates for your Diary

Activities/Events can at this point only be provisional and will always be undertaken in line with Government Guidance. At this time we will continue to provide information for example relating to workshops remotely as appropriate.

Workshops/Meetings for Parents

Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting	25 th April at 2.30pm
Open Occasion	12 th & 14 th July (Late night tbc)
Arts, Awe and Wonder & Equalities Community Saturday	2 nd July
Year 2 Children's University Celebration	14 th July (Times tbc)
Year 2 Leavers celebration	19 th July at 2.00pm
May Procession Dates tbc	

Collective Worships for Parents

All at 9.10am

Yellow Class	25 th April
Purple Class	9 th May
Orange Class	16 th May
Aqua Class	23 rd May
Green Class	13 th June
Blue Class	20 th June
Coral Class	27 th June
Red Class	4 th July
Scarlet Class	11 th July

Term Dates can be found below for both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Academic Years

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

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CALENDAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM - 2021

Wednesday, 1 st September, 2021	Staff only. INSET day
Thursday, 2 nd September, 2021	School opens for pupils
Thursday, 21 st October, 2021	School closes for pupils
Friday, 22 nd October, 2021	Staff only. INSET day
Monday, 1 st November, 2021	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 17 th December, 2021	School closes. Staff and pupils

SPRING TERM - 2022

Tuesday, 4 th January, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Wednesday, 5 th January, 2022	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 18 th February, 2022	School closes. Staff and pupils
Monday, 28 th February, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Tuesday, 1 st March, 2022	School opens for pupils
Friday, 1 st April, 2022	School closes. Staff and pupils

SUMMER TERM - 2022

Tuesday, 19 th April, 2022	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 29 th April, 2022	School closes. Staff and for pupils
Tuesday, 3 rd May, 2022	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 27 th May, 2022	School closes. Staff and pupils
Tuesday, 7 th June, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Wednesday 8 th June 2022	School opens for pupils
Friday, 22 nd July, 2022	School closes. Staff and pupils

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CALENDAR 2022 – 2023

AUTUMN TERM - 2022

Thursday, 1 st September, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Friday, 2 nd September, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Monday, 5 th September, 2022	School opens for pupils
Thursday, 20 th October, 2022	School closes for pupils
Friday, 21 st October, 2022	Staff only. INSET day
Monday, 31 st October, 2022	School opens. Staff and pupils
Tuesday, 20 th December, 2022	School closes. Staff and pupils

SPRING TERM - 2023

Wednesday, 4 th January, 2023	School opens. Staff and pupils
Thursday, 16 th February, 2023	School closes for pupils
Friday, 17 th February, 2023	Staff only. INSET day
Monday, 27 th February, 2023	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 31 st March, 2023	School closes. Staff and pupils

SUMMER TERM - 2023

Monday, 17 th April, 2023	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 28 th April, 2023	School closes. Staff and for pupils
Tuesday, 2 nd May, 2023	School opens. Staff and pupils
Friday, 26 th May, 2023	School closes. Staff and pupils
Monday, 5 th June, 2023	Staff only. INSET day
Tuesday, 6 th June, 2023	School opens for pupils
Thursday, 20 th July, 2023	School closes. Staff and pupils