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Easter Newsletter 2024

We have had a wonderful term full of fantastic learning and lots of fun! As the days get longer, we look forward to an Easter filled with hope and new life. It's time to reflect on our achievements and appreciate our wonderful school community.

We start by saying 'THANK YOU' to our school community for your generous donations towards our Easter fundraising. With your support, we have managed to raise a fantastic £1365.10!



SUMMER TERM DATES

15th April School Opens

24th May School Closes

4th June School Opens

19th July School Closes

Other dates for Summer Term—[click here](#).



EASTER SERVICE



'The great gift of Easter is hope.' Basil C. Hume

TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

Children in Reception have enjoyed exploring the new Religious Education curriculum, 'To Know You More Clearly'. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will begin 'To Know You More Clearly' from September 2024. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.



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EASTER SERVICE

Our Year 2 children led their families in a beautiful Easter reflection at St. Bede's Church. The children were able to tell the story of Easter through prayers, acting and music. The service was an opportunity for families to share in the message of hope that Easter brings.

Year 1 and Reception also enjoyed sharing in the service back at school..





OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ This term, Father Bill has been spending some time in Year 1 to talk to the children about Easter.
- ◇ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)
- ◇ Mass times—click [here](#)
- ◇ [School Website - Catholic Life](#)
- ◇ There is a 'useful links' document on the website where you can access links to Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. The links will take you to the animations for the children. You can also access the full version of the new RE Directory – To know You more clearly.
- ◇ There is also a link to the Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word provides scripture and prayer, along with games for the children, linked to the weekly Gospel.

<https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

KEY DATES:

- ◇ 29th March – Good Friday
- ◇ 31st March – Easter Sunday
- ◇ 8th April—Annunciation
- ◇ 9th May—Ascension of the Lord
- ◇ 19th May—Pentecost
- ◇ 25th May—St. Bede the Venerable

For more dates and further information, please visit the Liturgy Office Calendar—click [here](#).



"May the joy of Easter fill your hearts with renewed hope, faith, and love. Like the blooming flowers of spring, let us embrace the resurrection of Christ, knowing that with Him, all things are possible."

SUMMER TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

- 23rd April Purple Class
- 29th April Yellow Class
- 9th May Orange Class
- 13th May Coral Class
- 20th May Scarlet Class
- 18th June Green Class
- 25th June Aqua Class
- 26th June Red Class
- 3rd July Blue Class

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular clubs this term.

We ask that you discuss any club choices carefully with your child to ensure that they are committed to attending, should they receive a place. Please do not put your child's name down for a club if they do not want to attend.

Special Educational Needs

Information about Special Educational Needs can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#). Information about Halton's Local Offer can be found via their website [here](#).

Parent workshops offered by ADDvanced Solutions are emailed termly. Information about these can also be accessed via their website [here](#).

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Health and Well-Being Week

- ◇ The children had a great week of learning and fun during Health and Well-Being Week in February. Topics covered during the week included:
 - Healthy lifestyles (including diet and exercise)
 - Internet Safety
 - SCARF values (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship)

Health and Well-Being Week



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children enjoyed taking part in World Book Day and shared their love of reading with each other! Each class has a Reading Ambassador who chose their favourite costume. The winners received a certificate and a prize for their efforts! Well done everyone!



WORLD
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DAY

British Science Week

The theme for this year's Science Week is 'Time'. The children have been designing posters to enter into the British Science Association's poster competition, asking the children to think about how they spend their own time. How do we measure time? What about time spent outdoors, in the park, doing arts and crafts, learning? Are there any scientists they have found about whose work relates to time?

Miss Tittensor has selected 5 posters to be entered into the competition.



SCIENCE

FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone for the kind donations towards the Foodbank. Widnes Foodbank has seen a 60% rise in demand for foodbank users. Your support for this invaluable cause is greatly appreciated.



TABLE MANNERS

We have been talking to the children about use of a knife and fork at lunchtime. It is really important that the children learn this fundamental skill and your support in guiding them with this at home is invaluable.

Lunchtime is an opportunity for the children to socialise with their friends. Use of a knife and fork is essential in order that your child can sit confidently and enjoy their school dinner. Learning to use a knife and fork will help your child become more independent at meal times.



NEWS

NEW SCOUT CLUB (SQUIRRELS) COMES TO WIDNES

Our children had a visit from local Scout leaders to talk about all the benefits of joining the Scouts. There is a new Scout group (Squirrels) opening at the St. Bede's Scout hut in May—[click here for more information](#). This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to join a group that will help to develop confidence, social skills and teamwork...and it's on our doorstep!



CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVISTS

Year 2 have been learning about climate change, linked to Live Simply. They created posters outlining some of the major threats and issues facing our planet before taking part in a march around the school grounds. The children held the first 'St Bede's Climate Summit,' where the children delivered speeches outlining some of the key challenges facing our world, such as deforestation, pollution, melting ice caps and rising sea levels. Together, we have raised awareness and encouraged others to take action before it is too late!





SCHOOL SPIDER

We encourage our parents and carers to download the School Spider parent app. You will receive information and updates via app messages and email.

As well as receiving information, you can also report your child's absence, view galleries and respond to surveys.

Apple version [here](#)

Android version [here](#)

[Email](#) Miss Parle with any queries.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have safeguarding concerns about any child you can contact Halton's integrated Contact and Referral Team by clicking [here](#). If you need to contact school and speak to Miss Scragg regarding any advice around safeguarding please email safeguarding@stbedesinfants.co.uk

School Funds Information
Bank Balance £7298.17
Cash Balance £242.11

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A letter will be sent at the beginning of each half term, detailing your child's percentage attendance. We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances as to why a child's attendance may be low. Attendance is also reported at the end of the school year, in your child's report. Please click [here](#) to view our Attendance Policy. If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school, please read the NHS link [here](#).

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence. Absences can also be reported using the School Spider parent app. Medical evidence may be required if your child's absence falls below 90%. Attendance to Friday 22nd March 2024 is 95.28%.

As you will see from the policy ([here](#)) 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.

INTERNET SAFETY

The children learn about Internet Safety whilst they are in school. Please talk to your children about keeping themselves safe online. We have a page dedicated to Internet Safety on our website with advice about age-ratings and general information. You will also find our latest Internet Safety newsletter which contains information about Fortnite. Click [here](#).

