

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

JUNE 2017

Introduction

Welcome to another almost-end-of-year Newsletter! Unbelievably, it's almost the end of term, where has the year gone? The fast pace of life makes the days, weeks and months go by with increasing speed and we're sure we're not the only ones finding it difficult to believe that the year is almost over. Hopefully you will find in this Newsletter some news and some top tips for next year.

Staffing

We have almost completed our staffing structure for September 2017 and staff know which class they will be teaching. You will be informed of which class your child will be in before 'moving up morning' on Friday 30th June. Reports will be sent home on Friday 7th July. We do our very best to ensure that, where parents are no longer together, we send a copy of the report to both parents; we can, however, only do this if we have an up to date address for whoever does not have day to day responsibility for the child in school. We do keep a list of parents who have requested this additional copy, please speak to Mrs Woods in the office if you are unsure whether your former partner is on the list.

Trips and Events

The children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their recent weekend to Boreatton Park, although we could have wished for slightly better weather. Rain affects adults more than children, so the children weren't really bothered about it! Watch out for notice of next year's trip, a letter will be sent out to children in Year 6 during the first week of the Autumn term.

The school choir will be performing at St. Bede Church's 'Strawberry Fair' at 1pm on Saturday 1st July. Please come along and share the afternoon with the children as well as the strawberries!

On Monday 3rd July our Nursery children will be visiting Smithills Hall Farm. Here they will feed the animals, go on a tractor ride, watch the cows being milked and spend a little time in the play area! Sounds great ...

The children in Year 1 will be visiting Haigh Hall on Wednesday 5th July; they will be very busy hunting plants, planting seeds, sketching, doing a scavenger hunt and playing on the park. Very exciting!

Our Year 6 children worked hard towards their SATs, but they are certainly making up for it now with treats! They will be visiting the Lowry in Salford Quays on Thursday 6th July to watch 'Fantastic Mr Fox' to help them with their own performance of the same name, later in July. Our money's on our own production being better than theirs, the children have been practising so hard!

Our Reception children will be visiting Farmer Ted's on Wednesday 12th July to explore the farm and celebrate the end of the school year.

Attendance

Up to the end of last week, our overall attendance for this school year was 95.99%, which is just slightly short of our target. Individual attendance reports will be sent out again at the end of June and this time we are issuing blue letters to children who have achieved 100% attendance and zero lates. Remember, 96% is the minimum target your child should be aiming for in school to ensure they are benefiting from all the educational opportunities available to them. Next year Mrs Hardman, our attendance officer, will be closely monitoring attendance and punctuality, as she has done this year. In the meantime, let's reach that 96%, or even better!

Reception Class Height, Weight & Vision Test

On Thursday 22nd June, Friday 23rd June and Monday 3rd July our Reception children will be given a vision test as well as being weighed and measured.

Snack Money

A few parents have asked how much it would be to pay snack money each half term as opposed to each week. The amounts which would need to be paid for snack each half term, if you choose to do this, are as follows:

	Snack Money (Years 1-6)	Snack Money (Reception)
Autumn 1	£10.50	£14.00
Autumn 2	£11.10	£14.80
Spring 1	£9.90	£13.20
Spring 2	£6.90	£9.20
Summer 1	£10.20	£13.60
Summer 2	£8.40	£11.20

If you prefer to pay weekly, snack for Years 1 - 6 is £1.50 and Reception Class is £2.00. Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written clearly. Snack money should be separate to dinner money and given to the class teacher ... dinner money should be given to the school office or in a separate envelope to the class teacher.

Suncream

As we hope to have sunshine over the coming weeks (well, at least the coming week!) can you please make sure your child either comes to school with sun cream on, or brings sun cream with them to protect themselves. Please note that staff will not be able to apply cream to children. Thank you.

Bolton Schools' Music Festival

On Thursday 22nd June the choir will be performing at the annual Bolton Schools' Music Festival at the Victoria Hall. They have been very busy rehearsing for their performance and they are very excited. Mrs Garvey and Mr Lawson would like to thank the children for their commitment and hard work and wish them lots and lots of luck.

PTA Fundraising Events – Summer Term

The Friends of St. Bede (PTA) will host their annual 'Summer Evening' on Friday 7th July at 3:15pm in the school yard. There will be lots of exciting stalls to browse as well as a 'cream cracker challenge' which went down a storm last year. Please support this event, all funds raised will go towards the school. The PTA are also organising a green screen photo booth for the last week of term and details will be sent out shortly.

School Uniform

School uniform orders will continue to be taken during the school holidays. To guarantee delivery for the new school term in September, orders need to be placed by Monday 14th August. Please note that no uniform orders will be taken on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th September.

As we move towards a new school year, can we please remind you about school uniform: school shirts should be **white**, shoes should be **black or brown** (**NO** boots, trainers or trainer style shoes of any description) and P.E. kit is plain navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt. For children going into Year 6 a white formal shirt, v-neck jumper or cardigan and St. Bede school tie should be worn. Ties can be purchased from the school office.

Should girls wish to wear bows in their hair, please make sure these are small, discreet and navy blue/ black. For our full uniform policy, please refer to our school website.

Building works

The new classrooms are coming along according to plan and it is expected – weather permitting – that the first of the two new classrooms will be delivered to site on Wednesday 21st June.

The classroom will be craned into position during the morning so there will be a little bit of inconvenience for the children during this period, but as it is Sports' Day and the weather is forecast fine, we should be able to overcome this without difficulty.

Dinner Money

Can we please remind you that all outstanding dinner monies need to be paid in full by **Monday 17th July** at the very latest. Thank you.

Cost for dinner monies for the next school year will be sent in a separate letter as we understand the Council have stopped their subsidy from September 2017.

Parental Survey

This week we will be conducting a parental survey, through surveymonkey, to gauge your thoughts and opinions. Please engage in this survey to help us move forward.

Ear Piercing

For children wishing to have their ears pierced, the Summer holidays is a great time for this. Ears can be pierced at the beginning of the holidays and earrings can be safely removed for the start of the new term in September. We have had a lot of issues this year with pierced ears and we ask you **NOT** to send your child into school with earrings, even if they are covered by a plaster. For more information please refer to our school uniform policy.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 28 th Jun	2:30pm	Reception	Class
		Assembly	
Fri 30 th Jun		'Moving Up' morning	
Fri 7 th Jul		St. Bede Summer Evening	
Tue 18 th Jul	9:30am	Year 6 Leavers' Service,	
		St. Bede's Church (please note this service will take place in school time this year).	

And finally ...

School closes for the Summer holidays at 3:15pm on Tuesday 18th July and re-opens on Monday 4th September.

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Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Summer.

If you wish to make any comments about this Newsletter, or about anything else in school, please make them in the box below and return to your child's class teacher.

Comments:

My child is in Class.....