



**With Christ at our side to guide us,
we shine in all that we do.**

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Dear Parents.

It has been a lovely, calm start to the new school year and the children have settled into their new classes really well. We have parent information sessions scheduled over the next couple of weeks, so I would encourage you to attend these, if possible, as staff will be sharing important information about the curriculum your child will be studying and giving tips for how you can best support your child at home. It is also a good opportunity for you to get to know your child's new teacher better and to discuss any concerns you may have. The children and their siblings can stay in school during the meetings and will be looked after by school staff.

Year Group Meetings

Reception	Time	Wednesday 28th September
Year 1	3.15pm	Wednesday 5th October
Year 2	3.15pm	Thursday 6th October
Year 3	3.15pm	Tuesday 4th October
Year 4	3.15pm	Tuesday 4th October
Year 5	3.15pm	Wednesday 12th October
Year 6	3.15pm	Tuesday 11th October

New Staff Members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff who joined us in September:

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant - Mrs Clarke

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Nursery - Mrs Bajaj (Learning Support Assistant)

Reception - Mrs Davies (Learning Support Assistant)

Year 3 - Mrs Connolly (Teaching Assistant)

Year 4 - Mrs Dawson (Teaching Assistant)

They have all made an excellent start and have made a fantastic job of getting to know your children really quickly. I am sure they are going to be real assets to the school and I know they will work very hard to provide the best support for our children. One of the key strengths of our school is how hardworking and committed all of our staff are and I am so proud of how strong our team is here at St.Bede's.

School Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Can I please ask that we continue to follow our school uniform policy, particularly on PE days. We have deliberately kept our PE uniform very simple to try to make it easier for parents. Children need to wear a plain white t-shirt, school cardigan / jumper and either royal blue school shorts or **plain** black / navy jogging bottoms please.

Jewellery

Our school policy is that children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school with the exception of a wrist watch. I have noticed that some of the children are still coming to school wearing earrings. Just to clarify, no earrings are allowed, this includes plastic retainer earrings.

Hair Cuts

Hair colour and style must be appropriate for school: extremes of colour and style are not permitted - this includes shaved tramlines / designs.

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
3/10/22	Y6	Reducing Accidents at Play event at local fire station
4/10/22	Year 4 & Year 5	That History Bloke - History curriculum workshop
06/10/22	Year 6	Class Liturgy in school hall - 9.00am
7/10/22	Basketball Team	Champions of Champions Basketball Finals - Eagles Arena (Mr McVittie will provide further details for parents)
10/10/22	Year 4	Bikeability - children to bring their bike to school with them on the day.
11/10/22	Whole school	Individual and Family Photographs
14/10/22	Whole school	Flu Vaccination
17/10/22 - 19/10/22	Year 6	Robin Wood residential Monday - Wednesday
20/10/22	Year 4	Class Liturgy - 9.00am
24/10/22 - 28/10/22	Whole School	Half Term Week (Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm on Friday 21st October and return to school on Tuesday 1st November)
31/10/22	Whole School	School Closed - INSET day
1/11/22 - 4/11/22	Year 5	Bikeability (details to follow)
1/11/22	Limited number of tickets will be available	PTA Autumn Disco - 4.30pm - 6.00pm (details to follow)
7/11/22 - 11/11/22	KS1 & KS2	Test Week
28/11/22 - 1/12/22	Reception	Stay & Play sessions
29/11/22	KS1 & KS2	Parents' Meetings (2.00pm - 5.30pm)
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Safeguarding

Just a reminder that you can access our safeguarding policies on the school website in the Key Information section. ([Safeguarding Policies](#))
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our safeguarding leads in school to share your concern.

Our Safeguarding Children Team

<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 10px;"><p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p><p>Name: Mrs Carol Devine Title: Head teacher</p></div>	<div style="background-color: #f1c40f; color: black; padding: 10px;"><p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy</p><p>Name: Mrs Nicola Mackley Title: Deputy Head teacher</p></div>
<div style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 10px;"><p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy</p><p>Name: Mr Brian McVittie Title: Senior Lead</p></div>	<div style="background-color: #3498db; color: black; padding: 10px;"><p>Designated Safeguarding Deputy</p><p>Name: Mrs Lisa Welsh Title: Family Support Officer</p></div>

If you are concerned about a child please talk to us

April 2020