



## Headteacher message

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Remembrance Day – Monday 11.11.24



As Remembrance Day approaches, we are preparing to honour and remember the brave individuals who have served and sacrificed for our country. This important day provides us with the opportunity to teach our pupils about the significance of remembrance, respect, and gratitude.

- **Assembly and Moment of Silence:** On November 11th, we will hold a special assembly where pupils will learn about the history and importance of Remembrance Day. This will be followed by a moment of silence at 11:00 AM to honour those who have served.
- **How You Can Get Involved:**
- **Wear a Poppy:** Encourage your child to wear a poppy throughout the week as a sign of respect.
- **Share Stories:** If your family has personal stories or memorabilia related to military service, please consider sharing them with us. These stories enrich our pupils' learning experience and deepen their understanding.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2024



We would like to share with you that **Anti-Bullying Week 2024** will take place from **Monday, 11th November to Friday, 15th November**. This year's theme is "**Choose Respect**," emphasizing the importance of treating everyone with kindness and understanding, regardless of our differences.



### **Odd Socks Day: Tuesday, 12th November**

To kick off the week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on Tuesday, 12th November. This fun and engaging event encourages all students and staff to wear odd socks to school as a symbol of our uniqueness and acceptance. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to express ourselves and celebrate individuality, while also reinforcing the message of respect.

### **How You Can Support**

We invite parents and guardians to participate in this important week by discussing the theme of respect at home and encouraging children to embrace diversity and kindness in their daily interactions. Your support is invaluable in helping us create a safe and welcoming environment for all our pupils.

## School Council Launches "Switch Off Fortnight" Campaign



We are excited to share some fantastic news that our School Council is leading an inspiring initiative called "Switch Off Fortnight," aimed at promoting energy conservation and environmental awareness throughout our school community.

### **What is "Switch Off Fortnight"?**

"Switch Off Fortnight" is a campaign designed to encourage everyone at St Bede's to be mindful of their energy consumption. For two weeks, starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will focus on switching off lights, computers, and other electronic devices when they're not in use. This small change can make a big difference in reducing our carbon footprint and helping the environment.

### **Why Are We Doing This?**

The School Council believes that everyone has a part to play in protecting our planet. By reducing energy consumption, we can not only help the environment but also save on electricity costs, which can be redirected towards other school needs. This campaign is a great opportunity for students, staff, and the whole school community to come together for a common cause.

### **How Can You Get Involved?**

- **Be Mindful:** Remember to switch off lights and devices when you leave a room.
- **Spread the Word:** Encourage classmates, friends, and family to join the effort.

Let's make "Switch Off Fortnight" a success and show how St Bede's can lead the way in environmental responsibility. Together, we can make a difference!

## Children In Need



The children are invited to take part in the Children in Need Appeal 2024! This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and support a fantastic cause. Here's a sneak peek at the exciting events we have planned for the week:

### **Children in Need Merchandise Sale**

- **Dates:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- **Event:** Our enthusiastic Mini Vinnies and School Councillors will be selling official Children in Need merchandise, including wristbands, pens, and pin badges. Each item is priced at just £1.00. Grab these fun items to support the cause and spread the word!

### **Raffle Ticket & Cake Sale**

- **Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- **Event:** Try your luck by purchasing raffle tickets sold by the Mini Vinnies and School Councillors for only £1.00 a strip for a chance to win your very own Pudsey Bear. This £1.00 also includes a cake which will be given out on Wednesday playtime. All proceeds will go directly to Children in Need, helping children and young people across the UK.

### **Dress-Up Day**

- **Date:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- **Event:** Children are allowed to come to school wearing something yellow or spotty to show their support for Children in Need. (School skirts / trousers should be worn as normal). Let's fill the school with bright colours and spots!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## Term Dates

Here are the dates for the Autumn term. As always, if there are any changes or additions, we will let you know in plenty of time.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
November	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Children are invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness of anti-bullying week. There will be an assembly in school to launch the week.				
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 5 Library Visit to The Word				
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 4 Celebration of the Word (Families are warmly invited to join us in school)				
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 4 Library Visit to The Word				
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	10.00am	Whole School Mass (Venue TBC)				
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday November		Reception – stay and play sessions				
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Year 5 Bikeability				
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 3 Library visit to The Word				
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Year 4 – Home Fire Safety Assembly				
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Reception – visit to the Post Office				
December	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Year 5 Art Visit				
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5.00pm - 9.30pm	Choir at South Tyneside Civic Carol Concert				
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00am - 12.00pm	Reception visit to Urban Factory				
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 2 Library Visit to The Word				
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm – 5.30pm	Parents’ Afternoon				
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm – 5.30pm	Parents’ Afternoon				

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Choir Carol singing at The Word 
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am - 12.30pm	Year 1 Multi Skills at Temple Park
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	TBC	Year 4 Bikeability
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11.30am	Year 1 Library Visit to The Word
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Dinner Day 
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am 2.15pm	Infant Nativity – Performance One Infant Nativity – Performance Two 
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Year 5 - Celebration of the Word (Families are warmly invited to attend. )
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party Day 
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Whole school visit to Customs House to watch the Pantomime Mother Goose 
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party Day 
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party Day 
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Junior Carol Concert (venue TBC) 
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.15pm 

**Pupils return to school on Monday 6th January 2025**

### Next Steps

To stay informed and engaged with school activities, please:

- Check our school website regularly for updates and announcements.  
<https://stbedessouthshields.co.uk/>
- Ensure your contact information is up to date with the school office.

### Working in Partnership

We strongly believe in working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Your involvement and support are crucial, and we encourage you to engage with us regularly.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support you and your child throughout the school year. I have included a link to our compliments, complaints and concerns policy for your reference: [Compliments, complaints and concerns policy](#)

School office: 0191 456 0108 or email at [info@stbedessouthshields.co.uk](mailto:info@stbedessouthshields.co.uk)

## **Safeguarding**

### **Our safeguarding team in school are:**

#### **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Carol Devine – Headteacher

[cdevine@stbedessouthshield.co.uk](mailto:cdevine@stbedessouthshield.co.uk)

#### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads**

Mr Paul Charlton – Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO

Mr Brian McVittie – Senior Leader

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.

With warmest wishes,

Carol Devine  
Headteacher

Dear Heavenly Father,

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we take this time to reflect on the blessings we have received. We thank You for the warmth of our community here at St Bede's, for the dedication of our teachers, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the support of our families.

Guide us to be ever mindful of those in need and to extend our hands in service and love. As we prepare for the season of Advent, may we open our hearts to Your peace and joy.

Bless our school, O Lord, and keep us safe and united in Your love.

Amen.



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