Friday 11th October 2024

October Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we near the end of our first half term, can I take this opportunity to share some of the highlights from the last few weeks and some information for forthcoming events.

**Class Liturgies:**

We have had three lovely liturgies so far this school year. Firstly, we had a wonderful prayer gathering to welcome our new EYFS children, led by Year 6 – thank you to all those parents who attended. We also had a whole school liturgy last week to celebrate the harvest – this was a lovely experience where each class performed a harvest song as part of the prayerful gathering. This week, Year 4 led a class liturgy where their parents were invited to attend.

**Harvest Festival:**

Thank you for your generosity in donating food for our harvest festival collection. We have a few more days to collect, so please send in any further donations by Friday 18th October. Our Mini-Vinnie group will then organise some food parcels to be distributed through the Parish community and the rest of the food will be donated to the Justice and Peace Asylum Seekers Project and the local food bank to support the people in our community.

On Wednesday 16th October, Year 5 will be attending the Parish Mass to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

CAFOD Family Fast:

Thank you for your generosity in our recent ‘small change’ collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Through our collection of 1p, 2p and 5p coins we managed to raise £73.52. Another wonderful sign of how the St Bede’s family puts its love into action to help others.

Year 4 Harvest Liturgy:

Year 4 led a lovely Harvest Liturgy on Thursday 10th October, followed by an opportunity for parents to stay and take part in some nice art activities with the children. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. We are planning on holding a class-based liturgy like this for every class each term.

Thank you to Mrs Morris, Mrs Cook and Year 4 for starting the programme for us.

**School Book Fayre:**

Thank you for all of your support with the recent Scholastic book fayre. We sold £512.00 worth of books which meant that we had £204.00 commission to spend on books for school.

**Parent’s Evening:**

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment for the individual parent’s evenings which are being help in the week commencing 21st October. It is very important that we work together as a team to help your child to achieve their very best, and we can only do this through sharing information. If you have not yet made your appointment to speak to your child’s class teacher, can you please contact the school office as a matter of urgency.

**First Holy Communion:**

Father Mariadass and I recently contacted parents of our Catholic children in Year 4 to begin our preparations for this year’s First Holy Communion preparation programme. If you are a Catholic parent, and your child is in Year 4 or above but has not yet made their First Holy Communion, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

**SEND Support:**

Mrs Watanabe, our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCo, is currently working very closely alongside teachers to review SEN support plans and write new plans which will soon be shared with parents.

**Parentpay Reminder:**

If you have not yet signed up to Parentpay, can you please do so as soon as possible. Parentpay is the main way that we communicate with parents and if you are not on Parentpay you will miss out on important information. If you need help setting up your account, please contact the school office for assistance.

If you already have a Parentpay account, can you please ensure that you have added a mobile number to your account.

**Lateness: Polite Reminder**

Can I politely remind you that school starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm. It is very important that children arrive on time and are collected on time. If there is a particular problem, can you please contact the office prior to drop off / pick up to inform us. We have a number of children who are regularly late, this not only impacts on their learning, as lessons start immediately at 8.50am, but also impacts on the office staff.

**PTA News:**

The PTA recently held a very successful ‘Cake and Candy’ stall and raised an amazing £323.18, all of which will help to support enrichment activities for the pupils.

Forthcoming Proposed PTA Events: (further information to follow)

Wednesday 23rd October – Spooky Disco (EYFS and KS1 / KS2)

Friday 22nd November - Dress down day - £1.00 donation

Friday 29th November – Games night

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Stall

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Disco (EYFS and KS1 / KS2)

**Forthcoming Dates:**

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| **Upcoming Events and important dates for your diary** |
| **October** |
| **When?** | **Who?** | **What?** | **Where?** |
| 11th, 18th | All parents | Coffee Morning | School hall from 8.45am |
| 14th | Children only | After school club sign up | Please look out for sign up email |
| 16th | Year 5 (parents) | Harvest Mass | Church (invitation will follow) |
| 21st- 23rd | All | Parents Evening | Have you booked your time slot? If not please call the office 01912743430 |
| 23rd | Children only | Music Performance | 2.00pm-2.30pm |
| 23rd | Children’s event | PTA Spooky Disco | Please send form back into school with money if your child would like to attend |
| 24th | All | School CLOSED (INSET day) |  |
| 25th – 1st Nov | All | School CLOSED (half term) |  |
| **November** |
| 6th or 13th  | Year 4 (parents) | Remembrance Mass | Church (Invitation will follow) |
| 7th  | Year 5 (parents) | Liturgy | School Hall (invitation will follow) |
| 8th | Reception children only | Story Stretching starts | Within school day until Christmas |
| 10th  | All | Parish Coffee Morning & Bingo | School hall after Sunday Mass |
| 11th | Children only | Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day to launch week |  |
| 14th | Year 1 (parents) | Stay, Pray and Play | Parents welcome for liturgy and activities |
| 18th  | Children only | Tiny Lives Fundraising Day  | Within school day - More Information to follow |
| 18th  | Children only | Road Safety week |  |
| 21st  | Year 2 (parents) | Stay, Pray and Play | Parents welcome for liturgy and activities |
| 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th | All parents  | Coffee Morning | School hall from 8.45am |
| **December** |
| 1st | All | Parish Coffee Morning & Raffle | Church |
| 3rd | Year 5 & Year 6 children only | Healthy Active Lifestyle Games | PE kit will be required |
| 4th | Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 | Christmas Lunch | Sign up for parents will follow |
| 5th | Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 | Christmas Lunch | Sign up for parents will follow |
| 6th, 13th, 20th | All parents | Coffee Morning | School hall from 8.40am |
| 10th | Year 2 (parents) | Nativity | Time to be confirmed |
| 11th | Reception (parents) | Nativity | Time to be confirmed |
| 11th | Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 and their parents | Carol Service at 5pm | Church |
| 12th | Year 1 (parents) | Nativity | Time to be confirmed |
| 13th | Children only | National Christmas jumper day | Donation of £1 per child |
| 18th | Children’s event | PTA Christmas Disco | More information to follow |
| 20th | All | Break up for half term | School Closes 3.20pm |
| **January** |
| 6th | All | School reopens | 8.40am open to all children |

**Just a reminder that school is closed to children on Thursday 24th October for a school training day and we are on holiday (closed to everyone) on Friday 25th October. School is then closed for 1 week for half term and reopens on Monday 4th November.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards

Mrs Young