Wednesday 17th July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we draw to the end of another successful academic year. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank our Year 6 pupils and their families for the many years of hard work and support. We wish all of our pupils well as they move on to high school and start their new adventures!

On behalf of the pupils and families, I would like to thank all of the staff for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

**Sponsored Sporting Event:**

Congratulations to everyone who helped to support the recent sponsored events where we were raising money towards school funds (to help to subsidise visits for our children) and also to support Mrs Walton’s daughter Millie in her fundraising towards her forthcoming Team GB European Gymnastics Championship in October. Thanks to the children’s efforts we managed to raise £1,500 in total which we shared evenly between the two funds.

**Family Fun Day:**

Thank you to our PTA for their great work in organising and running our annual ‘Family Fun Event’. Once again, it was a great success and was well supported by you all - most importantly, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On the day, the PTA raised £1769, of which £606 was profit after paying for the contributions/ events on the day.

**Reports:**

This week you have received your child’s end of year report, If you have any feedback in relation to the report can you please complete the feedback slip and return to school. Thank you in advance for any feedback.

**Outstanding monies:**

Can I politely ask that you pay any outstanding monies before the end of term to enable us to effectively close the budget for the year. If you have any difficulties with this, can you please contact the office to discuss this.

**Early pick-ups:**

Polite reminder, any early pick ups must have been pre-arranged through the office as it can be difficult to facilitate when there is only one member of the office team in the office towards the end of the day.

Early pick-ups are particularly high on a Friday afternoon. Can we please work together to try to minimise this next year.

**Staffing Information:**

On behalf of you all, I would like to publically thank Mrs Morris for her work as Acting Deputy Headteacher. She has worked hard to support the school and was a particular strength during our OFSTED inspection in March.

Mrs Watanabe will be taking on the role of Deputy Headteacher and SENCo in September. She is an experienced SENCo and will bring lots of expertise to the team.

As you may be aware, Miss Cumming, our Business Manager, is leaving us temporarily on maternity leave – congratulations! Mrs Walton will be working as our Business Manager during the period of absence.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Anderson who is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Anderson has worked at St Bede’s for most of her career and I know will be a familiar face to many of our families. We wish her a long, happy and enjoyable retirement and thank her for her years of dedicated work and care for our children and families.

We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Healey who is leaving education to follow a different pathway. Mrs Healey has been a great support, particularly in KS2, and we wish her good luck in her new career.

**Important information for next academic year**

**School Meals:**

In September, we will also be offering a Halal option during school lunches. If this is something which you are interested in, can you please complete the survey which is being sent to parents.

With all school meals, can I request that children remain on either hot lunch choice or packed lunch for a whole half term at a time rather than move between the two options as catering orders need to be placed in advance and changes can affect food waste and budget.

**Home / School Agreement Reminder:**

Polite reminder of the ways in which we work together as home and school to support your child to reach their full potential and the best that they can be.

Parents / Carers

I / We will:

* Ensure that my / our child attends school every day, is punctual (8.50am start) and is collected on time (3.20pm)
* Ensure that my / our child is dressed in correct uniform (labelled) and sensible black school shoes
* Contact school on the first morning that my / our child is absent and provide updates when necessary
* Keep the school informed with up-to-date contact details e.g. address, telephone number and emergency contact numbers
* Inform the school if there are any factors that may affect my / our child’s work or behaviour
* Support the school’s policies and guidelines for behaviour
* Support my / our child with any opportunities for home learning
* Encourage my / our child to read by providing opportunities for him / her to read to someone and ensure that someone reads with him / her
* Attend parent’s meetings to support my / our child and his / her progress
* Endeavour not to arrange holidays during school time
* Support all staff in their efforts to create a caring community which values children

School

The school will:

* Support and work with parents to meet the needs of their children
* Create a warm, stimulating environment based on Christian values, where the child and family feel accepted and secure
* Offer parents / carers opportunities to become involved in school life
* Offer a broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum, which addresses the children’s’ emotional, spiritual, physical, social and academic development
* Encourage children to reach their full potential and be the best that they can be
* Keep parent’s informed about general school matters and in particular about the progress of their child
* Provide opportunities for Parent’s Evenings and produce written reports to inform parents of their child’s attainment, progress and involvement
* Let parents / carers know if we have any concerns about a child academically, socially, emotionally or with regard to behaviour
* Take children to our Parish Church to be involved in Parish and school Masses and encourage children to make prayer an integral part of their daily lives
* Help children to develop a good self-image to enable them to become confident, well-balanced and caring individuals
* Contact parents as soon as possible in case of emergencies

**Uniform reminder:**

Please ensure that children have the correct uniform in preparation for September.

* + Royal blue jumper \*, royal blue cardigan \* or royal blue sweatshirt **(with or without the school logo);**
  + Black or dark grey trousers; or black or dark grey skirt. Jeans, tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not considered suitable (leggings or tracksuit bottoms may be worn for PE – see below);
  + Short trousers (optional during the summer term);
  + Skirt length should be on or below the knee. The style of skirt should not hug the figure.
  + Blue / white, or yellow/white checked dresses (optional during the summer term);
  + Yellow or pale blue polo shirt \* **(with or without the school logo);**
  + All black school shoes or all black trainers. Heels are not considered suitable;
  + Socks / tights - white, black, grey or socks (dark socks with trousers); grey or black plain opaque tights.
  + An optional royal blue school book bag \* **(with or without the school logo).**

PE Kit

Pupils are expected to wear the following PE kit on their allocated PE day:-

* + Yellow t-shirt \* **(with or without the school logo)** or plain white t-shirt;
  + Dark (navy blue/black) shorts, dark navy / black plain tracksuit bottoms or plain navy blue / black sports leggings (without any "sports" branding or corporate logo) – short cycling shorts are not considered suitable;
  + Black plimsolls for indoors;
  + All black or white trainers for outdoors;
  + No football strips are to be worn for PE.
  + An optional royal blue PE bag \* for swimming kit or change of shoes **(with or without the school logo).**

**All items of uniform, footwear and PE / swimming kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

No logos or branding (other than the school logo) should be displayed on any uniform.

All children are expected to take part in PE and swimming lessons, which should only be missed in exceptional circumstances with prior written permission of the parent.

Where to buy uniform

The school takes into account cost and value for money when considering where parents may purchase items of school uniform which contain the school logo.

The items above which are marked with an asterisk (\*), which contain the school logo, can be purchased from [www.totstoteams.com/school:bedes-rc-primary-school](http://www.totstoteams.com/school:bedes-rc-primary-school)

The school engages with the uniform supplier, to ensure parents get value for money. Alternative suppliers shall be considered if there are concerns regarding the value for money and cost of items.

**Plain items without the school logo, (such as trousers, jumpers, skirts, t-shirts, PE kit etc) may be purchased from any major store or supermarket providing that they closely match the colour requirements listed above (further information can be found in our school Uniform Policy on our website)**

**The Governors request that each child has one jumper or cardigan with the school logo which can be worn for school visits to support safeguarding. Recycled logoed uniform items can be sourced from school.**

**Summer break:**

We break up at the end of the day on Friday 19th July for our six-week summer holiday break. Thank you all for all of your support and engagement through this academic year.

We wish you a happy, safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you and your children again on the first day of term on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of this information

Kind regards

Mrs Young