



December 2017 Newsletter

06/12/2017

All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights

Christmas Fair

A great big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair this year—our Friends, volunteers, parishioners for buying tickets, Mrs Taplin for selling goods and everyone else who came to support it. The Friends of the School who organized it were delighted with the response. We are so grateful to them.

The amount raised was £866.35 which is incredible considering the size of our school!!!



Apostleship of the Sea

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

A big thank you too from our Mini Vinnies who organised a show box appeal to support the Apostleship of the Sea.

With your kind help, we will be able to make Christmas a little better for 14 sailors who will be spending

Advent Appeal

This Advent, we will be collecting coppers and 5p pieces to support a charity called Toilet Twinning. Toilet Twinning is an initiative which invites people to 'twin' their own toilet with latrines in poor communities. This is a way of raising funds to enable people in the poorest nations to have clean water and a proper toilet, and to learn about hygiene.

Please encourage your child to bring any small change into school.

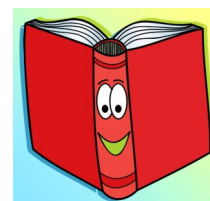


Pudsey

£80 was raised for Children in Need. The children enjoyed their special school dinner that day too!

Book Fair

At our recent Book Fair, nearly £300 of books and stationary was sold. A percentage of this will be given to school to add to our library collection.



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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED

Winter Weather

We had our first taste of this last week. Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes & warm outdoor gear like hats and gloves. We encourage them to play in the snow when we have it, but we can only take children out if they are appropriately dressed.

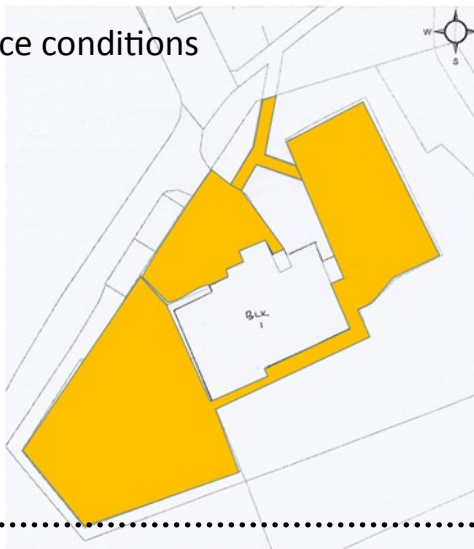
A change of shoes is also important so they are warm all day and so that our floors do not get too slippery.

Please listen to local radio stations (Metro, Galaxy and Durham FM) on a snowy morning in case we have to close—this would only be in the most extreme circumstances, as we do like to stay open. We will also use our Teacher to Parent service to inform you. Please make sure you inform school if you change your number.

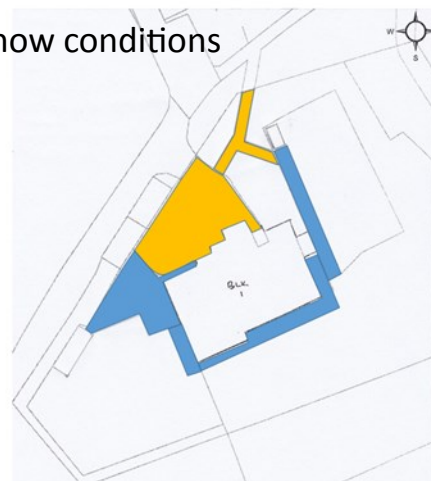
Winter gritting

In case of snow or ice, our caretaker will grit the entrances to school and the area where parents stand on the yard. In case of ice, the whole yard will be gritted. In case of snow, a path will be cleared. (see maps below)

Ice conditions



Snow conditions



Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties take place in the last week of term in the afternoon.

1. They can come to school dressed in their party clothes, but they may get dirty when playing outside.
2. They can bring their clothes with them to change into after lunch themselves.
3. You can come up to school to help them get changed. If you choose to do this, then please wait until after 12:45 so that the children can finish their lunches.



Head Lice

We have had a few reported instances of head lice in school. Please make sure you check your child's

Congratulations

We all know Paula our cook is very talented and we are very lucky to have her work in our school. A recent inspection of the kitchen took place and we are pleased to say she scored top marks!!!



Attendance and Lateness

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. For attendance to be classed as good it needs to be over 96%. We understand that occasionally it cannot be helped, sickness bugs etc. Remember, we can give medication, e.g. Calpol, to help your child. If they feel a little poorly on a morning, **please send them to school**. We do not mind contacting you if they feel unwell.

Also, our school day starts at **8:55**. please make sure your child is in school ready to learn at this time. Late arrivals cause disruption for the class and they miss early instructions.

As you can see, this month we are falling below the recommended total. Please work with us to ensure this improves in January.



Admissions policy

A draft policy has been sent home for consultation. Please contact school if you require any further information.

Dinner money

Please note. Guidance from County. All school lunches must be paid for in advance. **Schools are not allowed to give credit**. Please make sure dinner money is paid on a Monday in an envelop clearly marked with your child's name.

Free Transport
for all pupils who travel
to School by dedicated
School bus from
September 2018.

A reminder from St.
Bede's

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Please note, our holidays are different to many other schools around us – so please make sure you have the correct dates in your diary.

Dates for your Diary (these are also on our website, which is often updated)

6th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
8th December	St. Bede's music group in school
13th December	2 p.m. Music Concert Some children performing at St. Bede's music concert
14th—15th December	Y6 residential to the Youth Village
15th December	Children Carol Singing at Divine House
18th December	2 p.m. Class 2 & 3 Carol Service
19th December	2 p.m. Class 1 Nativity
20th December	Class 1 Christmas Party
21st December	Class 2 & 3 Christmas Party
22nd December	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Please note that our Christmas holidays are different to some other schools

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY

We would like to wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

See you in 2018!