



January 2018 Newsletter

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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

A belated Happy New Year to you all!! We are looking forward to a productive and fun year in school, working with you for the good of our children.

Advent Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Advent Toilet Twinning appeal. With your help, and proceeds from film club, we managed to raise £68



Parents of Year 6 children

This is obviously a very important term for your children when they are working hard to prepare for their SAT tests in May – week beginning 14th May. Please ensure they attend school regularly, get plenty of rest/sleep and have a quiet place at home to do their homework and revision.

The BBC 'Revisewise' website is a fun, interactive site to go on to with your child if you have a computer at home, to help them to revise.

Please do not put too much pressure on your child, just encourage them to work hard and do their homework.

Year 6 Retreat

Mrs Charlton and I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 children on their fantastic behaviour, manners and attitude when we went on retreat in December. We were proud of them all and we are now looking forward to the residential in March with Year 5 and 6.

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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED

Winter Weather

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.

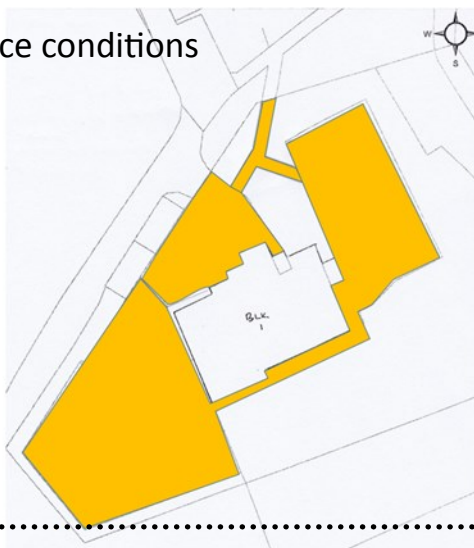
A change of shoes is also important so they are warm all day and so that our floors do not get too slippery.

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.

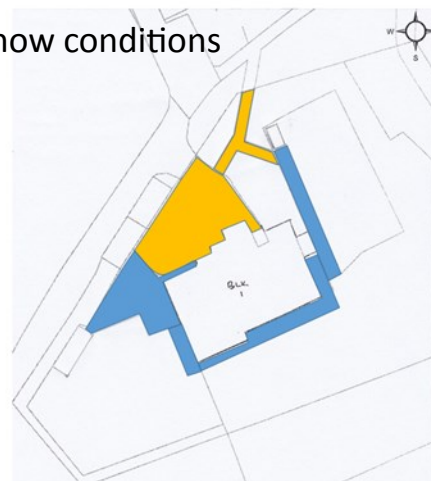
Winter gritting

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



Friends of the School

Our Friends of the School group has been running very successfully for a number of years, organising events, fairs and other activities and raising much needed funds for the school. We are looking to recruit new volunteers to help us with new ideas about how to raise funds, and to support us in organising this. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Junior Education and Diversion Programme

This has been organised by Durham Constabulary and will be running this term for children in Class 3. Activities covered include: anti-social behaviour such as graffiti, dog fouling and littering, drugs and alcohol, road safety, water safety, safety on railways, crime prevention, hate crime, stranger danger, internet safety.

Parents' Evening

So that we can , once again, give every parent a chance to talk about their child's progress, we will be holding a parents' evening on **Wednesday 28th February** between 3:30 and 5:30.

If there is something you need to talk to your child's teacher about that would take longer than the 5 minutes allotted, then please try to arrange a meeting on an alternative day.

Please contact school to arrange an appointment.



Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have sent a special thank you as we helped to raise £152.01 for their Poppy Appeal.

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.

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 ear-

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

A reminder from St. Bede's

School Uniform & PE Kits

Please could you make sure that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name.

PE kits need to be in school every day. This includes a plain white T shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls for inside, trainers and tracksuit for outdoor PE.

After School Clubs this half term

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
C2+3		Guitar	C2+3	C2+3
basketball			Football	Mini Gym

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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)

22nd January	Class 2 + 3 attending St. Bede's for a science morning
9th February	Break up for Half Term
20th February	Year 2 at Hoopstarz day
22nd February	Class 2 + 3 Junior Education and Diversity Programme starts.
2nd March	Whole School Assembly—Holi
6th March	Y3/4 at football festival at Soccarena
9th March	Year 5&6 at a safety carousel
13th March	Balance Bike Sessions start for Class 1 children
	Y1/2 at football festival at Soccarena
14th March	Y5/6 at Basketball festival
21st March	Class 1 Dance festival
21st-23rd March	Y5/6 Residential to Northumberland
29th March	Break up for Easter

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

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16th APRIL