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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our Spring term, can I take this opportunity to thank pupils, staff and parents for their continued hard work, dedication and ongoing support in ensuring that St Bede's continues to grow as a nurturing school community.

Spring Term Updates: For full updates on all of the events this term, please see our Facebook page, but here are a few of the highlights:

Residential Visits

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful residential visit to the Emmaus Village in Consett in January. In February, Year 4 enjoyed a star-gazing experience during a residential visit to The Sill. Both classes represented the school very well and were a credit to their families. On behalf of all of the pupils, can I thank all staff who gave up own their time to facilitate the visits.

EYFS Outdoor Area

Many of you will be aware of the recent developments in our KS1 yard where we have had further work carried out to enhance our EYFS outdoor learning space. I think that you will agree that the work greatly improves the provision and it is a delight to see the children enjoying the learning experiences created by the EYS team.

Stay, Play and Pray Events

This term we have held a number of events to allow our parents and pupils to gather together in prayer and in learning. Stay, Play and Pray sessions are always very well attended and create a lovely opportunity for us to pray as a school community and also create opportunities for parents and their children to take part in a range of activities together, learning alongside each other.

Science Week and TTRS Day

Thank you to Mrs Gregan and Mrs Morris for organising these fun events which give us greater focus on multiplication / maths and science.

School Fundraising

We have had a series of recent fundraisers to help to reduce overall costs to families for the end of year visits:

TTRS Day raised £77.00

Year 2 sponsored event raised £310.00

EYFS cake sale raised £133.33

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Stella Maris Easter donations

Thank you to anyone who donated an Easter egg for the sea-farers charity.

Holy Week Events

Thank you to Miss Scott and the KS2 staff for organising a wonderful end to our Lenten preparations. This week our Mini-Vinnies led us in a Palm Sunday Celebration of the Word, Year 4 led us in a time of reconciliation and some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils received the Sacrament of Reconciliation from Father Mariadass. Today, we bring Holy Week to a fitting conclusion with a reflection of the Last Supper, led by Year 5 and a reflection on the Passion led by Year 6. All of our gatherings have helped us to consider the importance of the Season.

News updates:

Staffing

Miss Young, who has worked in our school office for the last year, will be leaving us today. We wish her luck as she begins her new adventure and thank her for her commitment to the school during her time with us.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the PTA for organising a successful Easter raffle which raised £163.00, which will help to subsidise the end of year visits for our pupils. Congratulations to the winners.

Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition

Well done to all of the pupils who entered the Easter egg and Easter bonnet competition. As usual there were so many excellent entries – congratulations to all of our winners.

Safeguarding Reminders

As we approach the Easter break, just a reminder of the importance of keeping our children safe online. Technology is very much part of all of our lives and it is important to be aware and vigilant as to who our young people are communicating with and what they are viewing.

In recent months, there have been a few incidents where young people have been hurt whilst playing out on bikes and scooters in the local area. Please remind your children of safety on the pavements and roads and encourage the use of safety equipment such as helmets.

Screen time guidance for under 5s

On 27th March, the government published new, evidence-informed guidance to help parents and carers of children under 5 navigate screen time.

Digital screens are now a normal part of family life. The early years are however critical for development - 90% of a child's brain development occurs by age 5, making it a critical period for the development of social, emotional and cognitive skills.

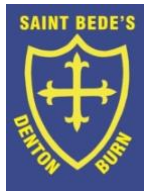
The advice is informed by recommendations from an expert panel and has also been developed with parents. It is designed to provide practical, clear and straightforward advice to help families make informed choices that support their child's development during the years that matter most.

The advice is available for parents to access on the [Best Start in Life website](#), alongside a whole range of other free resources and advice on everything from pregnancy to starting school. The full expert panel independent report, which this advice is informed by is available on [GOV.UK](#).

Outstanding Payments

If you have any outstanding payments, can you please make every effort to clear them by the start of the Summer term, for example breakfast club or school lunches. Please speak to the school office if you need any further support.

Tesco Grant Programme



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Just a reminder that we have been accepted into the Tesco Grants Programme, from 28th April until the end of July, you'll be able to vote for us in the following Tesco stores:

Newcastle West Road Express – NE15 6PQ

Newcastle Extra – NE3 2FP

Newcastle Chapel Park Express – NE5 1DR

The project with the most votes will receive £1,500 and this funding will go directly towards our "Breakfast for All". Please help support our school by voting in-store 😊

Forthcoming Events:

School Development

During the Easter break, we have further work planned to improve our school building and provision. We are all very excited to see how the projects develop:

Our kitchen is to be redesigned to create a more effective workspace for our catering team.

The quadrant outdoor learning space, used as part of our enhanced provision, is to undergo some improvements which will greatly improve our offer.

During Summer Term, Mrs Anderson is going to be using her creative skills to help us to develop the prayer garden. She is going to be working with groups of pupils to create some outdoor artwork to enhance the prayer space. If you have any old tiles or glass beads which you would like to donate, these will be gratefully received to support our outdoor mosaic.


World Autism Acceptance Month

April is World Autism Acceptance Month, a global effort to promote a better understanding of autism, acceptance, and inclusion throughout society.


Easter Services

TIMES OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES


PALM SUNDAY
 St George's **6.00 pm** (Vigil Mass)
 St Bede's **9.30 am**
 St Robert's **11.00 am**




**HOLY THURSDAY -
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 St Bede's **7.00 pm**
 Watching at the Altar of Repose




GOOD FRIDAY
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 All Churches **10.00 am**
 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
 PASSION
 All Churches **3.00 pm**



**HOLY SATURDAY
 EASTER VIGIL**
 St George's **6.00 pm**



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 St Bede's **9.30 am**
 St Robert's **11.00 am**



We return to school on Monday 20th April. Just a reminder that there are no after-school clubs on the first week back however breakfast club will be running everyday (including the early breakfast club – please book on Arbor)

On behalf of myself and the whole staff team, can I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and Holy Easter break.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require clarification regarding any matter discussed in the newsletter.

Kind regards
 Mrs Young
 (Headteacher)