

St Bede's School Newsletter

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Autumn Term Issue 1



Welcome Back!



It's been lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer break, as we start another school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to particularly welcome all of the new children who are starting St Bede's in Early Years this September; it's great to have you with us! We also welcome some new teaching assistants – Mrs Kirkup and Mrs Gibson

and a new student teacher, Miss Benne who is working in EYFS this year. Today we were able to celebrate Mass together in the church (*above*) and asked for God's blessing and protection on our school community. This was a great way to start the school year and the first time for over a year and half that we've been able to come

together in church for Mass. Thanks to Mrs Ridguard-Thomas, Mrs Hynes and all those who organised the Mass.

COVID-19—Clearly we're going to have to learn to live with COVID-19, as it's not going to go away. In light of this we have produced a contingency plan which outlines the actions

This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' ... Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.'

Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th Sept, 4.15pm & 4.45pm

Tuesday 21st September—
Year 6 Tie Ceremony, 9.15am
in the School Hall.

Tuesday 28th September—
Ladybirds Welcome Assembly. 9.15am
in the School Hall.

Wednesday 29th September—
Butterflies Welcome Assembly. 9.15am
in the School Hall.



we'll take when positive cases are confirmed. This was emailed out yesterday so please take a moment to read it, as it's important for us to work together to try and prevent the spread of infection. You can also see a synopsis of some of our actions, in the box opposite. Thank you.

Meet the teacher— Please feel free to come along to the school at either 4.15pm or 4.45pm on Monday to meet your child's new class teacher. Teachers will be making a short, general presentation to parents outlining some of the expectations and activities going on this year.

New Playground facilities— You may have noticed that over the summer break we have had

two climbing walls (or to be technically correct, 'traversing' walls) installed, as well as some artificial grass, around the playgrounds. These walls (above) have already proved to be a big hit with the children who are really enjoying making their way along them.

New website— Our current website has been in place for four years now and we feel that it's time for it to be refreshed. Within the coming weeks we will be launching a new version of the website, which will update our existing site whilst maintaining all of the important information that is currently available on it. Watch this space!

Key COVID actions by the school

If a person has been in school during the two days prior to testing positive for COVID-19, we will inform the parents of all children in classes and groups that that person attended, of this situation. Parents (and staff) will receive a general email stating that they have been in the vicinity of someone testing positive; there is no need for these pupils or staff to self-isolate unless they display symptoms or test positive themselves. We will also phone the parents of any child whom we deem to have had particular close contact with the person testing positive, informing them of government [advice](#) to arrange for a PCR test. **We would also strongly request that these contacts also take regular lateral flow tests (at least every 2 days) for a period of ten days, from the point of contact with the person testing positive.** This is because (as they are free to come to school), it is highly prudent to check that they do not develop COVID-19 themselves and potentially pass the virus on to others.

We would strongly request that if a child lives in a household with someone else who tests positive for COVID-19, parents follow government advice and arrange for a PCR test for all members of their household. Children in this situation can come to school but we would also ask that they are given regular (e.g. every two days) lateral-flow tests for a period of ten days, so that it can be confirmed that they are not positive themselves.

We can supply lateral flow tests and they also be obtained [here](#).

That you love one another as I have loved you

Jn 15: 12

As pupils, staff, governors and parents of St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Our Mission is to live by the values of Jesus



Have a lovely weekend...

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