

# St Bede's School

## Newsletter

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### Artwork for the Hospital



A couple of years ago we were approached by the chaplaincy team at Basingstoke Hospital who asked us if we could support them by creating some Advent/Christmas pictures to decorate the walls of the hospital chapel. The team were so pleased with the pictures produced that they asked us again to develop some more pictures which could permanently be displayed. Our 'artist in residence' teaching assistant, Mrs Wong has worked tirelessly alongside Mrs Ridguard-Thomas over

the last few months to develop fourteen pictures that were today handed over to Debbie Howard, hospital chaplain (*above*). Mrs Wong worked with many children in the school to produce these pieces of art and the work is truly beautiful. Debbie was thrilled with the pictures and they will soon decorate the walls of the hospital so next time you are there, please visit the chapel to take a look. A huge thanks to Mrs Wong, Mrs Ridguard-Thomas and all of the staff and children

who helped in the creation of this artwork.

New website—our new school website is now up and running and we're very pleased with the new look. The website contains a wealth of information about what is happening at St Bede's so please do take some time to take a look. Our entire curriculum is now outlined so you can easily find out what your child is learning about each term.

*Football matches*—Well done to the children who

### This Sunday's Gospel

**Mark 10:46-52**

*(Jesus) sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury'*

### Dates for your Diary

The following Class Worships will take place at 9.10am in the School Hall. Parents are welcome to join us:

Tues 9th Nov—St Anthony

Tues 16th Nov—St Honore

Tues 23rd Nov — St Alexius

Tues 30th Nov — St Dorothy

Tues 7th Dec — St Veronica

have represented St Bede's in various football matches recently. Before half term a team of Year 2 children (*top right*) took part in a football festival at the Vyne school and did really well, managing to win six out of eight games at the event, with all players given the opportunity to captain the side as well as try a range of different positions. Additionally a team of boys and a team of girls (*centre right*) took on North Waltham school in some friendly games this week. They played two games each with the boys losing 1-2, but then winning 5-0 and the girls losing 3-0 but then drawing 0-0. Well done to all of the children and thanks to Mr Ashton our sports coach, for organising these events.

*Eyes of the World*— To coincide with the United Nations climate summit, COP26, [CAFOD initiated a campaign](#) named 'Eyes of

the World' to bring awareness to the climate crisis, and how we will be watching to see that progress is made in securing the future of our planet. Mrs Hynes had the brilliant idea to create our own 'Eyes of the World' here at St Bede's. First, she worked with children from Year R, together using their creativity to make a pair of eyes from conkers and other materials (*lower right*). An even larger pair of eyes was then created on the playground from chalk (*over top left*). Mrs Wong worked with the children at break times to design a piece of art that demonstrated the danger our planet faces. The children worked brilliantly as a team whilst also showing their artistic talent. It also gave the children (and parents) an opportunity to discuss the importance of looking after our eco systems and protecting the gift that has been given to us by God. *Reported by Mr Parry*

*Fire Alarm*—Yesterday our fire alarm went off 3 minutes before the end of the school day! This was a bit of a surprise but the staff and children evacuat-



***Love one another as I have loved you***





ed in a very sensible fashion and were all out of the building in a very short time. Thanks to all of the (many) parents who were on the playground at the time, who helped us by making way for the children. The cause was quickly identified as being steam from a hot tap that was filling up a cleaner's bucket in the cleaners' cupboard! Despite the surprise, it was reassuring to see our systems working well and that everyone knew what to do.

**COVID-19 cases**— During half term we were alerted to a number of COVID-19 cases within the school. There weren't a significant amount, but we took the precaution this week of not holding whole school worships in the hall and when the weather al-

lowed, having less children in the hall at lunchtime, with those bringing packed lunches, having a 'picnic' outside. As we have only had one further case reported this week, will revert to our normal routines next week, but obviously continue to keep an eye on the situation and act if need be.

**Mass**—On Monday the pupils in Year's 5 and 6 went to Mass at the church to mark the start of the half term and remember All Saints Day. The Year 4 children also participated in the church hall. Thanks to those who organised the Mass.

**Harvest Collection**— Our school community donated over 300Kg of groceries to the Basingstoke foodbank before half term. Well done everyone!



*Have a lovely weekend...*

*Mr J Carroll*

**This is my Commandment:**

**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**



## **Open Mornings and Afternoons**

For those parents considering a place for their child in EYFS at St Bede's in September 2022

*Wed 10th Nov: 9.15-10.15am and 2.00-3.00pm*

*Tues 16th Nov 2.00-3.00pm*

*Thurs 18th Nov: 9.15-10.15am*

**Please contact the school office to book a place.**

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