



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side



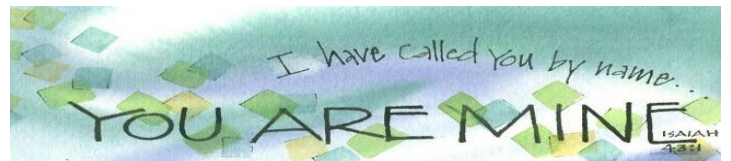
Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK!

Firstly, we would like to give a special warm welcome to all the new pupils and families who have joined us this year. Starting a new school can be daunting for pupils, but it can be just as challenging for parents and carers too, getting to know the new school routines and remembering names and faces!

We welcome especially:

Ryan, Felix, Calvino, Angus, Evelyn, Mateo, Arabella, Jessica, Priela, Pearl, Ivy, Jack, Bobby, Darcie, Oliver, Georgie, Roselyn, Rose, Agnes, Mrs Strickland and Mrs Ogden



Our wonderful Year 6 pupils have embraced their new role as a Reception 'Buddy', showing great maturity and responsibility by helping our youngest children settle in. We are sure our new parents will also find a 'buddy' in all the friendly faces they meet around school.

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE – www.st-bedes.cheshire.sch.uk

The school website is a useful place to start if you are unsure of homework, PE days or extra events. Class teachers will share with you the expectations and routines for the term ahead. We hope the website will allow you to support your child to develop their independence and organisational skills: having the **correct equipment, reading books and kit in school; completing and submitting homework on time.** If you do have any concerns, don't let them worry you. Please contact the School Office if you need to speak with a member of staff or leave a message with the welcome staff on the door in the morning - we are always ready to listen.

IMPORTANT - UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Our pupils look very smart in their uniform at the start of this new term, thank you for respecting our uniform policy. A reminder of our school uniform expectations:

UNIFORM:

Skirts/Pinafore dresses – Bottle green NOT grey

Trousers/Shorts - Grey

Cardigan/Jumper – Bottle green

WINTER UNIFORM: White Shirts/Blouses and School Tie

SUMMER UNIFORM: White Polo Shirt/NO Tie

Socks – please DO NOT wear trainer lining socks with uniform or PE kit. Plain neutral colours ONLY

Shoes - black or brown, NOT boots or trainers

Please Note: Full Winter uniform begins after half-term. This year, our September return-to-school has been rather chilly in comparison to previous years!

PE KIT:

Bottle green shorts – NOT cycling shorts or branded sport shorts

White round-necked t-shirt

Bottle green joggers/hoodies can be worn on PE days - **hoodies to be worn on PE days only**

For indoor PE lessons pupils will wear shorts and t-shirts

PE footwear: trainers that are suitable for PE activities, NOT fashion trainers with a platform sole – these are NOT suitable and inhibit movement.

OTHER EXPECTATIONS:

Please ensure that **uniform colour, hair styles, footwear and PE kits** are of the expected standard.

JEWELLERY MUST NOT BE WORN - this includes earrings, as it is an additional health and safety risk for pupils. If your child is wearing ear piercings, please provide the class teacher with the date that the earrings will be removed according to the piercing company (this is usually 6 weeks). During this time, earrings **must** be covered with plasters before pupils arrive at school.

Please check the following link for further details: [Online Uniform Shop](#)

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

You have been very generous in donating preloved uniform. Reusing 'as good as new' uniform supports our mission of STEWARDSHIP, caring for God's World. We are proud to provide items of uniform for your child to wear, saving money - we all know how quickly they grow!

This year we are trying a new approach to our Preloved Uniform Shop. On the website and in the School Office you will find an Order Form - let us know what items you need and we will source them for you – if we have them. Each half term we will have a 'Donation Day', where we will also target key items that we would like donating. We do not want this provision to be for profit, but you are welcome to make a small donation in cash or it can be added to Schoolmoney if you would like. There have been many requests already this term, please ask and we will do our best to ensure your child/ren are fully kitted out in our expected school uniform.



HEALTHY EATING

BREAK TIME SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

All Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils receive a free piece of fruit each day.

Please ensure that the snacks and PACKED LUNCHES that you provide are healthy and not over full with 'treats'.

AVOID SWEETS, LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, LARGE SHARING PACKS AND SUGARY SNACKS.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT BRING PRODUCTS INTO SCHOOL

WHICH CONTAIN PEANUTS DUE TO ALLERGIC RISKS



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Tuesday 1st October and Thursday 3rd October

On **Tuesday 24th September 5.00pm** you will be able to log on to School Spider to book your consultation meeting. These short meetings are a chance for you to meet the class teacher and find out how your child/ren have settled into the new year. A separate letter with specific details on how to login will be shared on Monday.

Please note that all meetings will be face-to-face.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our Celebration Assemblies take place on a Friday afternoon. At this assembly we share good news, achievements, birthdays, competitions and stories. A highlight of this assembly is the sharing of any 'out of school' achievements. You are very welcome to send in awards that your child has achieved at an out of school club for us to celebrate at this assembly.

ATTENDANCE and UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

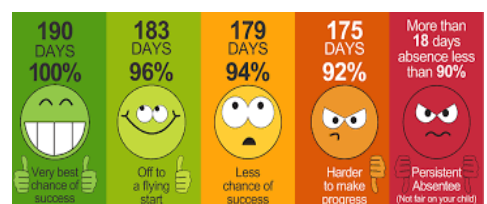
As you may be aware, the DfE have made significant changes to the way schools record and respond to absences from August 2024. Please read the new policy for further details.

Attendance Policy 2024 [click here](#)

We are looking to produce a simple summary of changes for you to understand how they will impact on unauthorised absences. At St Bede's every pupil has an attendance target of 97%. We are fully aware that children cannot avoid catching bugs and germs, having sickness episodes and isolation periods, but we do ask that you avoid booking holidays, long weekend trips, relative visits etc during term-time. Research indicates that there is a correlation between attendance and performance,

ie the higher the pupil's absence, the lower their performance at the end of each key stage.

Each term we celebrate the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for Autumn, Spring and Summer. At the end of the year, a special certificate is awarded to pupils with 100% attendance.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



SAFEGUARDING

Medical Needs: Please ensure that you complete at school a **Medication Request Form** (obtained from the School Office) for **ALL** medicines brought into school after a discussion with a member of the office staff. It is important that you share any medical needs for your child with a key member of staff.



Pupils with asthma **MUST** have their inhalers in school at all times.

Playground Equipment: To ensure the safety of all, pupils (and siblings) are **not permitted** to play on the playground equipment before and after school. Please share this information with grandparents and other adults who may be collecting your child.

PARKING – Please be mindful of others when parking around the School area:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.



VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Mid-Day Assistant (MDA). Please see our website or enquire at the School Office for more information.



PLEASE NOTE: the School Office hours are from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2024		
	September	<i>The Season of Creation</i>
Monday	16	6.00pm Phonics and Reading Meeting for Reception Parents/Carers
Monday	23	Whole School Photographs – separate information shared
	October	<i>Month of the Holy Rosary / Black History Month</i>
Tues/Thur	1/3	Parents/Carers Consultation Meetings - separate details to follow
Tuesday	10	Poetry Buzz Workshop for KS1 with Poet Paul Delaney
Thursday	17	OPEN DAY - all welcome 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Thursday	24	Half-Term begins
Friday	25	INSET DAY - School Closed
Half-Term		
	November	<i>Month of the Holy Souls / Remembrance</i>
Monday	4	Pupils return to school
Thursday	7	Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme
Monday	11	2.30pm - Whole School Mass - Remembrance
Mon-Fri	11-15	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme: <i>Choose Respect</i> <i>We will wear ODD SOCKS on Tuesday 12 November</i>
	December	<i>Advent</i>
Friday	13	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Friday	20	1.15pm - Whole School Mass End of Autumn Term
DATES AND EVENTS WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE TERM		

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, concerns or need clarification. We are here to listen to you and support our pupils and families, achieving excellence together.



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