## **ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Jesus is at the heart of life in St Bede's School. We pray that He will guide us to be happy, love one another and always do our best

21 December 2022

Dear Parents,

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this term. We all recognise Advent has been so much better than last year, we have been able to celebrate with you during this very busy festive period. It has been lovely to see you all at the Advent Liturgical Prayers and the Nativity performances.

#### **Charities**

Thank you for your wonderful generosity. We have helped so many charities this term!

Tea and Coffee Donations (Norah's North Pole)	£112.00
Hebburn Helps (Art Club Fair)	£150.00
Poppy Appeal	£ 81.00
Jumper Day (Cafod World Gifts)	£103.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£515.77

Thank you so much ... your kindness knows no bounds!

#### Whole School Activities

#### **Advent Liturgies**

Thank you to all our teachers and pupils for leading us in great reverence through Advent. You have reminded us about the true meaning of this period of waiting for the coming of Our Lord. Everyone I have spoken to has commented on how beautiful the children's singing was at all of our services.

#### Honky Tonky Donkey

The children from Y1 and Y2 have excelled themselves with all their performances. Their singing and acting has been spectacular and made all of us remember about the first Christmas.



#### The Christmas Story with carols

Reception and Y6 will be performing together in church on Thursday morning (22/12) at 10.00am. I know it is going to be outstanding and will finish our Term with all of us remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

#### **Christmas Sing-a-longs**

The children and staff in Nursery have worked so hard to make this Nativity something to remember. Everyone involved in preparing for this production must be congratulated on their tremendous work. I know those lucky enough to see the performances were amazed at how confident and well organised they all were. Again, we were reminded of the real message of Christmas.



### Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to Mrs Fallon and all her kitchen staff – the Christmas lunch was as delicious as ever! The children thoroughly enjoyed their meals and there was a lovely atmosphere in the Hall during lunch.

### School Events

In order to avoid any unnecessary work and to save on resources, reminders of events will be updated on the school website – https://stbedesjarrow.co.uk/ – on our Facebook page and via the Seesaw app.

#### Winter Holiday Club

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

If you have not applied to HAF before and would like to meet to discuss any initial proposals please email <u>HAF@southtyneside.gov.uk</u> or call 07977589060.

You can now enrol your child in a free holiday club programme over the winter. There are free places available for children and young people in South Tyneside who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, where they can enjoy a variety of creative and physical activities, alongside a nutritious meal every day. Sessions include sports, arts, crafts and more!

Activities cater for children aged 5 to 16 and take place across the winter holiday. All events are subject to availability.

**Booking is essential**. Activities and food are funded by the Department for Education. Visit <u>www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub</u>

# I hope you all have a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm St. Bede's First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day: 10.00am St Bede's Church



I am sure Santa Claus will be good to you and I know we all deserve a fabulous 2023!

Enjoy the break and we will see you on Monday 9th January 2023.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Rooney and all the staff













