

# St Bede's Governors' Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We are close to the end of term and we have had a very busy half term indeed! It's been such a privilege to witness the school community coming together and celebrating so many events.

### *St Bede's School 50th Anniversary*

This half term, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the school opening. We welcomed the Mayor, the Rt Hon Maria Miller MP and other special guests to Mass in the morning. The children filled the Church and raised the roof with their singing. It was wonderful to see all of the families sharing a picnic on the field afterwards. Thank you to all of the people who put so much time and effort into planning, preparing and delivering the celebration on the day.



### *Sports Day*

Sports Day was a fabulous display of the children's team spirit. They were all so good and patient waiting for their turn to compete. They all tried so hard and cheered on their classmates and fellow house members. The relay at the end was a great display of teamwork. Well Done to St Mark's who won the Sports Day Cup.



### *St Bede Family Association*

The SBFA is an integral part of the school community and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have helped over the whole school year. The SBFA run a range of activities from keeping the drop off safe through to volunteering at the fundraising events provided through the year – including the fete after Sports Day. The SBFA has provided funding for the games benches in the playground, artificial grass in EYFS, new rugs for both EYFS classes, leavers t-shirts for the year 6's and finally a shed for the sports equipment to be stored in. I want to say thank you to the SBFA for organising it all and to all of the parents who have donated things, time and money.

### *School Budget*

In the last newsletter, we mentioned the challenges schools, including ours, face with balancing the books in ever more difficult conditions. Mr Carroll and the Governors announced their intention to increase the Key Stage 2 class sizes by 2 per class. We are delighted to welcome 16 new pupils in Septem-

ber. In the last governor newsletter, it was noted that the governors were raising the issue of school funding to our Local MP, this led to the invitation for Mrs Millar to attend our 50th Anniversary Mass.

### *School Building Improvements*

Over the next year, there is a plan to improve the key stage 1 area. The work will commence in October and will enable us to make use of some hidden space behind the hall to make a larger and more flexible space which will hopefully improve the capacity of both the KS1 library and the hall. This is work that is being partly funded by the Diocesan fund which we ask all parents to contribute to each year.



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### *School Awards*

The teachers in school have been working hard to win awards for the school. The school have been awarded a Gold Award by the Woodlands trust, Music Mark School member and School Games Silver award. This is a real reflection of the hard work of the teachers to go above and beyond to ensure our children are receiving an excellent education and that the school is rewarded for this.

### *SATS*

The SATS results this year are excellent. We are well above the national average in attainment and progress and this is down to the effort and hard work put in by both Year's 2 and 6 and their teachers. Well done everyone!

### *Year 6*

When this term ends, we will be saying goodbye to Year 6. We want to wish all of the year 6 students good luck for their onward journey through secondary school. Thank you for being part of the school community.

I would also like to wish Mrs McHugh all the best in her new school and good luck to Mrs Duff for the arrival of her baby.

On behalf of the school Governors, I want to thank you all for being part of the St Bede's community and making our school what it is. I hope you have a great summer holiday and return to school in September, rested and ready to go for the school year and to welcome the new Year R's and their new teacher. Please continue to keep the school and our community in your prayers.

Mary Kucharska  
Foundation Governor

This is my Commandment:

**That you love one another as I have  
loved you**

*John 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

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