

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Bastille Day

Merci beaucoup to everyone who contributed to the bake sale on Bastille Day, the students and staff all had a great day celebrating, eating French foods, playing French games and incorporating French facts into their lessons.

End of term

The school will close for the summer holidays at 12:25pm on Friday 21st July. The school buses have already been booked for this. If your child is in receipt of free school meals they are able to be provided with a "grab bag", please contact Mrs Glynn if you would like your child to have one: kglynn@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk

School Meals – Meal Deal Increase

Currently a meal deal in school costs £2.40 per day, this price has remained static for over 5 years. Unfortunately from the 1st September 2023 due to the rise in cost of living we are having to increase the cost of a Meal Deal to £2.60, the Free School Meal allowance will also be increased in line with this.

GCSE Results Day

Results will be released to students on Thursday 24th August, students are able to collect results from the school site between 8:30am - 12noon. If you are unable to collect your results face to face please email vtaylor@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk to nominate an email address for these to be sent to.

Diary Dates



Monday 17th July
Hull University Visit

Wednesday 19th July
Rewards Trip
Elsham Hall

Friday 21st July – 12:25pm
School closes for Summer

Contingency Day

Next year's Contingency day for GCSE exams has been released – Wednesday 26th June 2024. This will be followed up with formal communication in the coming school year. Ms Taylor

Educational Visits - Parental Consent

As per updated guidance, written consent from parents is not required for the majority of Educational Visits organised by school that are within school hours and are a normal part of a child's education at St Bede's. Parents will be informed of the Educational Visits in advance and you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your child from any particular visit or activity. Please ensure that you keep your contact details and child's medical details up to date with the school.

Term dates 2024-25

The following term dates have been agreed for 2024-25. Please note the dates below are for students.

Advent 1: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October

Advent 2: Monday 28th October – Thursday 19th December

Lent 1: Tuesday 7th January – Thursday 13th February

Lent 2: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Pentecost 1: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Pentecost 2: Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

May Day: Monday 5th May



Encouraging Reading at Home

Questions to ask whilst reading with your child

During Your Reading:

Check Understanding Regularly

As you read, you will come across words and information they may not fully understand. Make sure you pause and check your child's understanding, thoughts or ideas about something they've read regularly to ensure that they definitely understand what they are reading.

- What do you think ... means?
- If neither of us know what it means, how could we find out?
- What do you think the writer is suggesting here?
- Which pieces of information do you think are most important and why?
- Is the writer saying ... or ...? Why do you think that?

Trust parent survey

We are reaching out to you today to invite you to participate in a vital project aimed at collecting your valuable information and views regarding your child's education and the overall school experience.

At Our Lady of Lourdes Trust, we firmly believe that parental engagement is a foundation of our pupils' success. Your perspective, opinions, and feedback are invaluable to us in shaping the educational journey of your child and enhancing the quality of our school and wider Trust community.

To ensure that your views are listened to we have launched an online survey. This survey provides you with an opportunity to share your thoughts on various aspects of your child's education, the school environment, and areas where we can further improve.

By participating in this survey, you contribute to the continuous growth and development of our school community. Your insights will help us:

1. Understand your needs and aspirations: Your feedback will provide us with a deeper understanding of your child's experience at school.
2. Strengthen communication and collaboration: We are committed to encouraging open and transparent communication between our school and parents. Your input will help us identify ways to improve our communication channels.
3. Enhance our strategies and initiatives: Your feedback is important to us.

We value your time, and we have ensured that the survey is user-friendly and can be completed conveniently. The questions cover a range of topics and will only take 5 minutes to complete. Your responses are anonymous, although we will request an email address to ensure singular responses.

To access the survey:

Either access the below QR Code:



Or the below website address:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pupusuTruP>

We kindly request you to complete the survey by 17th July, as this will allow us to analyse the results and carry out necessary changes quickly.

Your active participation in this project is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate your time and effort in providing us with your honest feedback. Together, we can create an even more enriching educational experience for our students.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact your school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Best wishes,

Robert della-Spina