

St Bede's Catholic Academy

Parents' Newsletter

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Love is not only something you feel. It is something you do."
"The Candle of Love" - John the Baptist

As we approach the much-awaited Christmas holiday, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and warmth as I reflect on the year we've shared together as a school community. 2023 has been a very successful year for St Bede's with successful outcomes in both the OFSTED and Catholic Schools Inspections. As we prepare to embark on a well-deserved break, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you.

Christmas, beyond the joyous festivities, holds a special place in the Catholic tradition. It is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, a momentous occasion that brings hope, love, and a sense of renewal to our lives. The story of the Nativity reminds us of the importance of humility, compassion, and the boundless love that unites us all.

In the spirit of this holy season, may your homes be filled with the peace and joy that Christmas brings. May the love of family and friends surround you, and may the true meaning of Christmas resonate in your hearts.

I want to express my gratitude for the incredible support that you, as parents and guardians, have shown throughout the year. Your commitment to your children's education, involvement in school activities, and unwavering support have truly made a positive impact on our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we create an environment where students can flourish and thrive.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of keeping our children safe. While the holidays are a time of joy and celebration, they can also bring new challenges. Please ensure that your children are aware of safety guidelines, especially if they are engaging in holiday activities or events. Let us work together to make this festive season a time of joy, warmth, and security for all our students.

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promise of a new year, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving as your school principal. It is a joy and an honour to be part of such a vibrant and caring community.

May your Christmas be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year. *Mr Hibbard*

Diary Dates



Thursday 21st December
Whole School Mass
Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd December
School Closed for Christmas



Monday 8th January
Students Return to School

Wednesday 10th January
Royal Navy Talk

Monday 15th January
Work Trip Week Yr 9

Tuesday 16th January
Houses of Commons Trip
Yr 10





St Bede's Badminton Successes

During this past half-term St Bede's has entered teams in all 4 available badminton tournaments - Key Stage 3 boys & girls and Key Stage 4 boys & girls.

All 4 teams secured spots in the finals nights against the best team in North Lincolnshire and securing some medals in the process!

Key Stage 3 Boys - Silver Medallists

Key Stage 3 Girls - Gold Medallists

Key Stage 4 Boys - Bronze Medallists

Key Stage Girls - 4th place

Well done to all that took part



The Forge Project

A big thank you to everyone for your donations to the forge project appeal. All of the donations have now been delivered and will make a huge difference!



ST BEDE'S READS



Explore the much-loved Magic Faraway Tree at the most special time of the year. This brand-new story by superstar author Jacqueline Wilson is set in the original world created by Enid Blyton.

Milo, Mia and Birdy are excited to return to the cottage beside the Enchanted Wood for Christmas. They can't wait to visit their magical friends Silky the fairy and Moonface again. Which amazing worlds will arrive at the top of the Faraway Tree at this time of year? The children are hoping for a trip to the Land of Presents or perhaps the Land of Snow. But before they can celebrate, there is a chilling visit to the Land of the Frozen North.

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton was Jacqueline Wilson's own favourite book as a young child. Now Britain's favourite contemporary children's author, creator of Hetty Feather and Tracy Beaker, is revisiting it in her second wonderful book about this magical world.





YEAR 9 students are due to receive the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) and MENINGITIS ACWY vaccinations this year. Please go to <https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2023/lincolnshire> and complete a consent form online, please do this as soon as possible.

If you do not wish to consent to your child having the vaccinations, then please complete a formal NO consent via the same link.

Information about the vaccines can be found on the following websites:

www.schoolvaccination.uk

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6405e7ae8fa8f527fb67cb6a/UKHSA-12287-immunisations-young-people.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>

NLFamily Newsletter

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNOLC/bulletins/38085b2>

Young Carers

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/young-carers/>

Safeguarding

Dear parents and carers,

Being the parent of a child with mental health problems is tough. It's a wound that causes pain for a very long time, as many mental health issues are long-term. The feelings of guilt and failure swamp your mind and emotions spill over, but at the same time you need to be calm and consistent. It can make you sensitive and volatile at a time you need to be more robust.

The following link takes you to The Young minds website for further advice on how to look after your own mental health while supporting your child

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/looking-after-yourself-as-a-parent/>

Please contact the safeguarding team at ST Bede's if you require support for your young person.

