St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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Monday 9th December

Please be reminded that Monday, 9th December, will be an INSET day. As a result, the school will be closed to pupils on this day. We hope this advance notice helps with your planning.

Reflecting on Advent 2: The Candle of Peace

As the second Sunday of Advent approaches, we turn our attention to the lighting of the second candle on the Advent wreath, often referred to as the Candle of Peace. This moment invites us to pause and reflect on the peace that Christ brings to our lives and to the world.

Advent, derived from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming," is a time of preparation and expectation. While the first candle reminds us of hope, the second candle shifts our focus to the promise of peace—a peace that transcends understanding and calls us to act as peacemakers in our communities.

In today's busy world, peace can feel elusive. Yet, the message of Advent reminds us that peace begins within each of us. It grows when we choose kindness, understanding, and compassion in our relationships. During this season, we are called to reflect on how we can share that peace with others, whether through small acts of love or by fostering unity in our school and wider community.

This week, let's challenge ourselves to embrace the spirit of peace. Whether it's by helping a friend, resolving a disagreement, or simply taking a quiet moment to reflect, every action matters. Together, we can be beacons of peace and light in the world.

As we light the second candle, may its flame inspire us to bring harmony and goodwill to all.

Wishing you all a peaceful Advent season!

Diary Dates

Monday 9th December
School closed for teacher training

Friday 13th December
JLC Choir

Monday 16th December GCSE Food Mock exam Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December school closes for Christmas

Monday 6th January Students return to school

Tuesday 14th January GCSE Music performance

Thursday 16th January Year 11 Consultation

Tuesday 28th January Humberside Secondary Cross Country Finals

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th December 2024 will be a non-uniform day for all students. Please pay the £1 donation via the School Shop on Arbor prior to the non-uniform day. Thank you.

Homework Club

Homework club in LS is cancelled on Wednesday 11th Dec for staff training..

Please take a look at Ollie's Just Giving page, Ollie is taking on a special challenge in memory of his friend Laila. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/paul-rayner-5?utm_term=KkYxpWpJE

The Scunthorpe Schools' Cross Country Championships were

held at Central Park, with 15 schools being represented across the three age ranges. 48 students from St Bede's took part - all showing great determination and effort - and being rewarded with some excellent results.

Annabella finished 3rd in the Junior Girls race (Years 8 & 9) despite only being a Y8 herself.

We await the official results, but well done to all those that took part and represented the school so proudly! Well done Annabella!





Our Scunthorpe United Reading Stars recently enjoyed a day of activities at the Attis Arena with acclaimed children's author Tom Palmer, including a spooky Ghost Stadium tour, football shirt design competition, and a penalty shootout with Scunthorpe players Max and Ross









Year 7 Leads the Way with Generosity in Winter Rucksack Appeal for The Forge Project

Year 7 students have stepped up with remarkable compassion and initiative by supporting The Forge Project through their Winter Rucksack Appeal. This campaign has seen them gather donations of essential items to help individuals experiencing homelessness during the challenging winter months.

The Forge Project, a local charity dedicated to providing practical and emotional support to vulnerable members of the community, is the beneficiary of Year 7's thoughtful efforts. The charity's work includes offering hot meals, advice services, and much-needed items like clothing and toiletries to those in need.

This year, Year 7 has focused their energy on assembling rucksacks filled with winter essentials such as warm clothing, toiletries, and non-perishable snacks. These rucksacks are designed to provide immediate comfort and aid to those facing the cold without secure shelter.

Donations for the appeal have come flooding in, showcasing not only the students' commitment but also the generosity of their families and the wider school community. Each rucksack represents hope and warmth during a particularly tough time of year for many people.

Reminder: Limited Spaces Left for The Lincolnshire Show Trip

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is a friendly reminder about our exciting school trip to The Lincolnshire Show on Thursday, 19th June 2025. Places are filling up fast, so if you haven't already secured your child's spot, please act quickly! Key Details:

- Date of Trip: Thursday, 19th June 2025
- Cost: £25 per student
- Booking: Payment must be made via Arbor to confirm your child's place.

Please note that spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, it is important to remember that only students with good behavior will be eligible to attend.

A letter with further details about the trip has been emailed to all parents/guardians. Please review this carefully if you have not already done so.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of fun and learning at The Lincolnshire Show!