

Newsletter



Just a few thanks, reminders and dates for your diaries!

Language Day: Our celebration of languages in September was a huge hit.

Many thanks to all of our visitors for their support and a big thank you to Mrs Austin for organising the event in partnership with Redby Primary Academy. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it was fab working with our same site school. We were able to do more activities because of this collaboration.



Year 6 Welcome

Mass: Our Year 6 children in our St Bede's Sunderland Deanery schools all met on 24th September and celebrated a lovely mass together at St Mary's Church.



Sports' Day: Thank you to our families for attending our Infant & Junior Sports' Day. It was a great success and the children had a super time competing. A big thank you to Mr Jackson for organising all the sports and also to the children from St Aidan's Catholic Academy who supported us on the day.



Family Learning with SAFC: is happening in school every Friday afternoon this term. Our theme this term is mathematics.

The school day begins at **8.55am**.

Children are welcome on the school yard from **8.30am**. Some staff will be present from **8.45am**.

If the weather is inclement we will bring the children in earlier. The children leave at varying times to ensure a safe exit from our site:

Nursery: AM 11.30am & PM 3.30pm

Reception—3.15pm

Infants—3.20pm

Lower Juniors—3.25pm

Upper Juniors—3.30pm

We hope these times avoid congestion as much as possible and we appreciate your support. Nursery and Reception children leave via their own doors. The infant children leave by the side gate and all the junior children leave by the main gate.

On a **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** we have a **reading club** for **Year 1 to Year 6** and a **maths & games club** for our **junior children** (All morning clubs begin at **8.30am**). A variety of other sessions occur for groups of children some mornings.



Forward Together in Hope is a three-year programme in our Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It is about all of us working together to explore the way forward for our diocese. Bishop Seamus is seeking all our opinions for more information visit:

<http://hope.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php>

Remember to visit our website on <http://stbenetsschoolsunderland.org.uk> for news and information.



Derwent Hill: The children were at Derwent Hill last week. We had the full site to ourselves. A fabulous time was had by all. The weather was glorious and this enhanced all the activities on offer, including— gorge walking, canoeing, mountain walking, orienteering, the high ropes and of course the Death Swing!!! Thank you to all the children for being great ambassadors for our school and all the staff who worked 24/7.

Book Fair: Thank you so much for your support during our recent book fair. Due to your immense generosity we have managed to make **£927** in commission. We are using the money to replenish our library stocks.



Year 5 Trip to London: We have just organised our third trip to London. This year we have extended it so we can visit Harry Potter Studios. We are leaving on Monday 18th April and we return to school on Wednesday 20th April. We have over forty children who have booked their place. We are planning a theatre visit, a flight on the London Eye and possible visits to Downing Street & the Houses of Parliament. Needless-to-say, we are all very excited.



Uniform: Can we please remind you to label your child's clothing. And could we ask all families to check labels over the half-term break, as we've had a few items missing over this term. Thanks in anticipation of your support.



Infant Harvest Production: This week Years 1 & 2 are celebrating Harvest Festival with their families. I am sure they will remind us of the true meaning and help us remember how fortunate we are.



Hallowe'en Fun Day: Dressing up & fun activities in school on Thursday 22nd Oct. Beware! You never know who might be there!!!! Prizes for the most creative costumes.



Parents' Meetings: Our open afternoons/evenings are taking place on Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November. Appointment times to follow. **Remember you do not need to wait for your parent meeting if you have concerns just give us a call.**

Nursery and Reception Stay & Play: Many thanks to our families who turned out in force for our Stay & Play sessions. This week we also have our **Reception Reading meetings.** On Wednesday at 3.30pm or 5pm. Please try to make it.



Anti Bullying

Five of our Year 5 pupils represented our school at the Sunderland Anti-Bully Conference on Friday 16th October. We took part in a variety of work shops and enjoyed a presentation from Mark Lloyd. We are currently applying for the Anti-Bullying Charter Mark.



Every Wednesday we have our delivery of the Wednesday Word. We hope you are finding it helpful and are enjoying sharing it as a family. We would welcome any feedback you have about these leaflets. We have comment sheets available in our school foyer.



The Year of Mercy: We begin our celebration of the Year of Mercy, with Youth Friday on 20th November, where all the diocesan schools celebrate the same liturgy together. We are using this theme for our Deanery Mini Mission, which we are planning for a week of activities in May. We will keep you informed of the details.

Children break up for half-term on Thursday evening. Friday 23rd October is a staff INSET. Children and staff all return to school on Monday 2nd November. We wish you all a happy holiday.

