

Headteacher's Update – Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Be Generous

*“Go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.”
Mark 10:21*

Jesus' life and ministry was full of examples of generosity, and he sets us a high standard of giving and caring for others. Although in simple economic terms when we give things away we have less than we started with, Jesus said that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” This means that, in fact, when we give to others we gain through the sense of joy and fulfilment this can bring us. Just as we teach young children to share, the bible teaches us that the simplest act of generosity is to share what we have. Although the bible provides lots of examples of generosity towards the poor through giving money, generosity and kindness can be expressed in other ways – through giving our time, a listening ear, or a kind word.

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Imogen Everton, Seb Smith (Year 7): Excellence - Presenting to visitors at Open Evening

Evie Abberley (Year 8): Excellence - Distinction in Gold Tap Exam

Cleo Dixon (Year 8): Engagement and Excellence - Outstanding achievements (All Nations Dance Competition)

Stanley Douglas (Year 8): Being a BEDE – Displaying all of the BEDE values

Jacob Scot (Year 8): Excellence - Colour Run for Trinity Hospice

Gabriella Arciniega (Year 9): Excellence – Representing Gymnastics Club in Lancashire Evening Post and Blackpool Gazette newspapers

Lydia Holliday (Year 9): Engagement and Excellence - Exceptional progress in Computing

Attendance update

Whole-school attendance this week: 94%

Whole-school attendance this year: 96%

Open Evening

A huge thank you to the large number of pupils who supported our Open Evening in so many ways last night. This is a very significant event in the school calendar and, as ever, our pupils were our greatest ambassadors. It was with great pride that I listened in my conversations with parents to so many positive comments about how well they represented the school. Special thanks to our Head pupil team - Jemima Harrison, Joseph Fenton, Jennifer Romer and Ethan Scot - who spoke in the hall, alongside Imogen Everton and Seb Smith – two incredibly brave Years 7s! Our prefect team also did a fantastic job as tour guides, with Michael Omoruyi in particular excelling.

Curriculum Information

We recognise that it is very helpful for parents and carers to have a clear understanding of what their child is learning about at school. The curriculum pages on our website provide detailed information about the curriculum in each subject in each year group.

For each subject, there is a '5 Year Curriculum Overview', which sets out the learning journey your child will be following throughout their time at Saint Bede's. In addition, there are 'Curriculum Plans' for each year group, which detail the knowledge and skills pupils will acquire in each topic, and how this will be assessed.

Please click on the link below to access the curriculum information for the various departments. I hope you find this useful.

[Saint Bede's Curriculum Information](#)

Year 7 assessments

Over the next two weeks, Year 7 pupils will be sitting Cognitive Ability Tests, also known as CATS, as well as literacy and numeracy assessments. These tests are used in many schools and provide information which can be used to help us more accurately evaluate the progress a pupil is making, or identify any specific learning needs which may require our support. The tests are completed online in one of our computer suites, and no revision or preparation of any kind is required.

One form per day will be undertaking the tests as set out below. At the end of the process there will be a 'catch-up' day for any Year 7 pupil who may have missed the tests due to absence, or for pupils in other year groups who have recently joined Saint Bede's and so did not sit the tests in Year 7.

As the length of time it will take pupils to complete the tests will vary, they should still bring all their books and equipment for their timetabled lessons on the relevant day, as well as their reading book.

- Bamber: Tuesday 26th September
- Beesley: Wednesday 27th September
- Cottam: Thursday 28th September
- Finch: Friday 29th September
- Harcourt: Tuesday 3rd October
- Haydock: Wednesday 4th October
- 'Catch-up' day: Thursday 5th October

Class Charts

Class Charts is the platform we use to communicate with parents and carers regarding attendance, behaviour and achievements. It is expected that all parents/carers have activated their Class Charts account and access it regularly. Please note that if your child receives a detention, this will only be communicated via Class Charts and no separate email reminders will be issued.

Should you experience any difficulty activating or using your Class Charts account, please contact remotesupport@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
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