

Headteacher's Update – Friday 24th November 2023



Reflection

Our prayer theme for this week is:

Advent

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”

Isaiah 9:2

‘Advent,’ from the Latin ‘adventus’ meaning ‘arrival’ or ‘coming,’ is the time we use to prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. In biblical times the people of Israel had waited for generations for the arrival of the saviour, the Messiah, whom God had promised would set them free from captivity. Today, Advent is a time for us to renew the experience of waiting for the coming of Jesus. As we prepare for the memorial of his birth, we are invited to renew our desire for the Lord to enter more deeply into our lives.

Attendance Update

Please see below our whole-school attendance level for the current week and the academic year overall, which you can compare to the attendance level of your child in Class Charts.

Whole-school attendance this week: 93%

Whole-school attendance this year: 94%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Devotion: Alice Fielding, Jaxson Franklin Smith, Olly Millin, Emily Southworth, Jacob Wilson (Year 7), Tom Atkinson, Freya Wilson (Year 9), Edie Bridgeman, Isabel Tuck (Year 10), Jemima Harrison, Ella Higginbotham, Annalea Lumley, Macee Pedley, Ethan Scot (Year 11): Representing school during Remembrance Services

Excellence, modelling BEDE behaviour: Olivia Sloman (Year 8): Act of kindness and help towards another pupil Sam Thistletwaite (Year 8): Outstanding grace on RE Assessment

Excellence: Jessica Grimshaw (Year 10): Appearing in the production of Nativity the Musical

Excellence and Engagement, resilience and determination: Abigail Wild (Year 10): Distinction Grade 3 Ballet Exam

Year 10 Castlerigg Retreat

We are delighted to once again be able to offer our traditional Year 10 retreat to Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, in March 2024. For many pupils this is both a spiritual and social highlight of their time at Saint Bede's, and something they remember for the rest of their lives. If you have a child in Year 10, please see the letter being issued separately by Miss Dixon for further details.

8am Holy Mass on Tuesday

Since the beginning of the academic year, we have been joined by Father John for Mass for staff and pupils in our beautiful Chapel every Tuesday morning at 8am. If your child is able to arrive in school at this time, they would be most welcome to join us.

Year 11 Mock Exams

With the practical exams now complete, formal written exams commence in the Sports Hall on Monday with RE and Maths for all pupils. Thank you to parents and carers for the support and guidance you are providing your children through this busy and challenging period.

598 Bus Service

A reminder of the below information from Walton's Coaches, which comes into effect on Monday:

From 27th November until 10th December, the main road in Kirkham will be closed completely for works to be carried out. As a result of this, we will have to divert the 598 service as we did when the sewer collapsed. The temporary route will be to collect as normal from The Willows on Ribby Road, then divert down Mellor Road and up through Wesham to resume the route to Freckleton.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher