

Headteacher's Update – Monday 11th December 2023



Reflection

Our prayer theme this week is:

Waiting for Jesus

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.
"May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.
Luke 26:38*

Friday 8th December was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, an important day within Advent and the Church year which celebrates the moment Mary learned that she was going to be the mother of Jesus, and her willingness to do what God had asked her to do. In her response to the Angel Gabriel, we gain an insight into the depth of Mary's faith. She simply accepted and rejoiced in God's plan for her.

We, too, can allow ourselves to be used by God in whichever way he chooses, recognising that in his hands anything is possible. As we prepare for the Nativity, how might we say "I am your servant" to God like Mary did?

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: 91%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

Carol Service

On Wednesday 13th September we will be returning to St Peter's Catholic Church on Clifton Street, Lytham for our annual Carol Service, one of the highlights of our school year.

Parents, carers, family members and friends of the school are warmly invited to join us and hear Saint Bede's pupils tell the Christmas story through a collection of music, readings, and poems. The service will begin at 6.30pm.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Congratulations to Year 11 pupils, who successfully completed their Mock Exams last week. Thank you to parents and carers for the support and encouragement you have provided over the last few weeks.

Pupils will receive their results formally during our 'Mock Results Day' on Friday 12th January.

Christmas Lunch day

Thursday 14th December will be our annual 'Christmas Lunch' day, with pupils who have ordered in advance enjoying a traditional turkey dinner in the school hall. For pupils who have not ordered a Christmas lunch in advance, a limited hot and cold food service will be provided in the Qube.

Breakfast Club supervision

Our supervised 'Breakfast Club' provision in school is open every day from 8.00am, providing pupils with an opportunity to socialise, play games or catch up on work.

Please be mindful that 'Breakfast Club' is not staffed or supervised until 8.00am when school opens to pupils. We respectfully ask parents/carers not to drop children off at school before this time.

End of term

Saint Bede's will close for the Christmas break at 1.00pm on Friday 22nd December. The school buses have been rearranged for the earlier time. School will re-open for all pupils at 8.45am on Monday 8th January.

Have a lovely week.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher