

Headteacher's Update – Friday 1st December 2023

Reflection

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:1-4

Next week we will be continuing with our Advent theme in assemblies and will also be launching our annual 'Christmas Parcels' charity appeal. Please see the information sent out separately regarding this important cause.

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: 94%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Behaviour:

Riley Bredbury (Year 7): Acts of kindness towards a member of staff

Excellence:

Jacob Scot (Year 8), Emilia Beacham, Phoenix Gerrard, Elliott Hatton, Elliott McCombie and Isabel Tuck (Year 10): Representing the School at the Post 16 'Choices' Evening

Sophie Elliott (Year 9): In a gymnastics group that won 1st place in their category at the North West Championships

Jacob Fox (Year 10): Excellence in creative writing

Lila McCombie (Year 7): Distinction, Grade 2 Modern and Merit, Grade 2 Tap Exams. Also, part of the cast of Elf The Musical

Holly Schofield (Year 9): Academic excellence in RE Assessment

Engagement:

Mabel Acton, Sophia Sinacola, Simone Unsworth (Year 7), Ava Lawrenson and Abigail Wild (Year 10): Participating in Sustainable Sewing, developing new skills in using sewing machines and helping to produce items for sale at the Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair

Thank you for all your support and donations for our first-ever Christmas Fair, which is taking place in the hall this afternoon. My thanks also go to Mrs Abberley who has co-ordinated the event with her customary festive spirit!

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to Year 11 pupils, who are now more than halfway through the Mock Exam schedule. We have been delighted by the way pupils have conducted themselves during this final 'dress rehearsal' for GCSE exams next summer. The timetable resumes with Biology for all pupils on Monday morning.

Parking in the local area

At Saint Bede's we do try to be good neighbours. Occasionally we receive complaints from local residents regarding parking by parents/carers and other visitors to the school on the nearby streets. Please can you help us by avoiding double parking, parking across driveway entrances and parking on grass verges.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher