

Headteacher's Update – Friday 2nd February 2024



Reflection

Our prayer theme next week is:

Be Compassionate

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

Mark 1:29-31

In this Gospel reading, Jesus went to the home of Simon and Andrew after visiting the synagogue (and healing a man possessed by an impure spirit!). As it was the Sabbath, law and custom required a day of quiet and rest. But Simon's mother-in-law was ill, and Jesus was moved to cure her. Here Jesus teaches us to always put compassion before anything else.

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%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Behaviour: Hettie Bridgeman, Henry Fielding, Jacob Scot and Ethan Thompson (Year 8): Consistently excellent behaviour and attitude

Engagement: Martha Bull, Lee Lindsay, (Year 10): Representing the school by being a pupil helper at Y11 Parents Evening

Devotion: Joe Cuffe (Year 7), Oliver Oatridge, Mitchell Shakeshaft-Cookson (Year 8), Bella Callaghan, Ava Everton, Lucy Griffiths and Benjamin Walker (Year 9): Taking part in the Swimathon for Charity

Excellence: Lydia Radford-Gelson (Year 7): Success at the International Gymnastics competition in France

Presentation of work

Congratulations to the below pupils who have produced beautifully presented work this week:

Year 7: Maciej Cywinski, Jacob Finch, Vinny Hitchin-Textel

Year 8: Jenson Adams, Katie Heath

The Lion King

Final rehearsals are taking place for our school production, ahead of the performances between Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th February. Tickets can still be purchased by clicking on the link below. See you on the night!

[The Lion King - tickets](#)

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to parents, carers and pupils who joined us for our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. We would be grateful if you could find time to complete the feedback survey via the link which will be circulated separately.

I regret to tell you that, for the first time as Headteacher at Saint Bede's or in any previous role, it has been necessary for me to write to one family because of the unacceptable way in which both parents and their child spoke and acted towards one of my colleagues during one of the meetings. I apologise to those parents who had their appointments disrupted by this behaviour.

Whilst I recognise that as parents and carers we all want the best for our children and occasionally this can lead to heightened emotions, my colleagues are entitled to be able to carry out their work without experiencing disrespect or intimidation. I am very grateful for the very positive relationships we enjoy with the overwhelming majority of our parents and carers, and I am sure this will be an isolated incident.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for your support with yesterday's non-uniform day. I am delighted to report that at the time of writing we have raised £1965 to support the family of our Year 10 pupil, Daniel Flemen. Parent Pay is still open for further donations, please give generously if you have not already done so.

Half-term

Saint Bede's will be closing for the half-term break at 3.15pm on Friday 9th February. School will re-open for all pupils at 8.45am on Monday 19th February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher