

Headteacher's Update – Friday 7th June 2024



Reflection

'Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

(Mk 3:35)

Sunday's Gospel gives us the opportunity to be counted as the family of Christ. To do this we are to receive His mercy and His love, then we are able to be merciful and loving to others. By this we do the will of God.

D-Day Anniversary

It has been extremely moving to watch the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings this week, and to reflect on the extraordinary bravery and selflessness of those who risked and gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. I am very proud that a number of Saint Bede's pupils have been involved in events in the local area, including Christopher Robinson (Year 8) and Ava Everton (Year 9) who as members of the Air Cadet Force featured in a BBC television report of the tributes in Blackpool.

For our tomorrow, they gave their today. We will remember them.

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: 89%

Whole-school attendance this year: 92%

Year 11 Update

Thank you and well done to Year 11, who have worked exceptionally hard this week as the programme of exams and revision sessions resumed after the half-term break. The end is almost in sight now!

On Monday, we have the Maths exam for all pupils in the morning, followed by Chemistry revision for all pupils in the afternoon.

Saint Bede's 'Summer Soiree'

A reminder that our major Performing Arts event this summer will be a 'Summer Soiree' on Friday 12th July, at 7pm in the school hall. We are looking to showcase singers, actors, musicians, dancers, and verse and prose speakers in any language. Auditions are being held in the school hall on **Monday 10th June from 3.15pm-5pm**. Pupils can audition as a soloist, duo or group. Pupils who have prepared something for a dance exam, LAMDA piece or music 'grade' are encouraged to come along and share this in an audition. Similarly, we would love to see contributions from pupils who have written their own poetry or script. Any pupils who play in a band or an ensemble – bring your instruments and audition!

Acceptable school shoes – September 2024

A reminder that from September 2024 we will be properly enforcing our policy regarding school shoes. In particular, 'trainer-type' shoes, including the 'Air Force 1' shoe by Nike, will no longer be acceptable. We hope that these new expectations will be helpful to parents and carers, by removing the pressure to purchase extremely expensive designer trainers.

A leaflet which clearly illustrates which shoe designs and styles will be acceptable from September is enclosed with this update.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher