

Headteacher's Update – Monday 15th July 2024



Reflection

“Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs.”
Mk 6:7

As our children are sent out from Saint Bede's for the summer break, we pray that they will remember all they know of the love of God, and that they will bring His love to others they meet.

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: 92%

Summer Soiree

On Friday we enjoyed an evening of music, drama and poetry in the hall with our “Summer Soiree”. As ever, it was wonderful to see the array of talent among our pupils on show. Thank you to Mr Warrington and Mrs King for all their hard work overseeing the event, and to the parents/carers and family members who joined us. We look forward to more performing arts highlights in 2024/25 - watch this space!

Residential visits

This week, I am delighted that a large number of pupils in Year 7 and Year 10 have the opportunity to participate in residential visits. Our Year 10 groups visiting Berlin and the Loire Valley have already departed, with Year 7 pupils setting off for London on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Mr Coleman, Mrs Hendey and Mr Binns who are leading the visits, and all the staff who are accompanying them. We will welcome pupils back from Berlin and London in school on Friday. For Year 10 pupils visiting France – see you in September!

Sports Day

Thank you to Mr Frankel and the PE department for their organisation of a successful Sports Day on Friday. We managed to survive the weather – just! This concluded a busy week for PE staff, following the visit of Year 5 pupils from our partner Catholic primary schools for their PE day on Thursday.

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

End of term

Saint Bede's is closing for the summer break at 1pm on Friday 19th July. The school buses have been arranged for the earlier time. Our new Year 7 pupils will start at 8.45am on Tuesday 3rd September. Years 8-11 will return at 8.45am on Wednesday 4th September.

This will be my final weekly update of the academic year. Our summer newsletter and my end of term letter to parents/carers will be issued on Friday. Have a lovely week.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher