



Be yourself, but be it very well.

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'Every child has the right to the best possible health.' Article 24

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Hello everyone,

I know it seems a while ago, but I hope you enjoyed the half term break - weren't we so lucky with the weather! The sunnier days have lifted everyone's spirits and the children have certainly been enjoying lots of time outside.

End of Term Arrangements

Following the government announcement on Monday evening confirming that current COVID restrictions are remaining in place, we have had to make some tweaks to our plans for the end of term - but aren't we all very used to this now! Arrangements are as follows:

Sports Days: One person per child will be able to attend Class Sports Days, pre-school children may come along but must be carefully supervised at all times. We will open the gate to the audience approximately 10 minutes before the start of the event. **Please continue to observe social distancing at all times.** We ask that you take a seat straight away and remain seated for the whole time. Chairs will be spaced accordingly and we ask that they are not moved. There will be no requirement to wear a face covering, but please feel free to do so if you feel more comfortable. Unlike previous years, we will not be serving refreshments, although the children will take part in the 'Lolly Race' and receive an ice lolly treat courtesy of PALs at the end of the event. There will not be a Toddler's Race this year.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to make any exception to these arrangements.

Reception Class Sports: Tuesday 29th June at 9.30am

Year 1 Sports: Tuesday 29th June at 1.45pm

Year 2 Sports: Wednesday 30th June at 9.30am

Year 5 Sports: Wednesday 30th June at 1.45pm

Year 3 Sports: Thursday 1st July at 9.30am

Year 4 Sports: Thursday 1st July at 1.45pm

Year 6 Sports: Friday 2nd July at 1.45pm

Year 6 Production: Most regretably, we are unable to have an audience for our Year 6 production. It will be recorded on a USB stick for each family.

Year 6 Leaver's Mass: Fr Chris would like this to take place outdoors on the school field (weather permitting); this means two people per child, plus staff, can attend. This will take place on Thursday 15th July at 6.00pm. If the weather is poor, mass will take place in church, but only one person would be able to attend with each child.

Again, unfortunately, we are unable to make any exceptions to these arrangements.

Leaver's Assembly: This will take place, for the children only, on Friday 16th July. Once more we regret that we are unable to invite families to this event.

I know these arrangements will be disappointing to families, they are to staff as well. However we must follow government guidance, and that coming down from the Trust. I appreciate your understanding and support. Thank you.

Summer Trips: We are delighted that we are able to arrange trips this year. Please be assured that staff have been in contact with trip destinations to make sure that COVID arrangements are in place and these have been checked. Staff only will be accompanying the children, this is so that bubbles are maintained. Trips are as follows:

Reception Class: Wednesday 30th June - Hall Hill Farm

Year 1: Wednesday 7th July - Beamish

Year 2: Thursday 1st July - Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve

Year 3: Friday 2nd July - Hardwick Hall

Year 4: Monday 12th July - Vindolanda

Year 5: Wednesday 14th July - Jarrow Hall and Bedesworld

Year 6: Monday 28th June - Holy Island

You will receive a Visit Notification from your class teacher and an EV4 form, which must be fully completed and returned to school. **Please note, we will be unable to take your child on their trip if the EV4 form is not returned prior to the visit.**

End of Year Reports: These will be sent home with the children on Friday 9th July.

Relationships Education: Your child's class teacher will be emailing you later today, if they have not already done so, to give you details about the year appropriate Relationships Education programme which will begin in school next week. As the children did not have lessons last year, each teacher will deliver the programme for the previous year group first, before delivering this year's programme.

If you would like further information about the content of our programme, or the resources to be used, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school.

First Holy Communion

Please keep our Year 4 children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for their first holy communion with Fr Chris in school supported by their families, Mrs Garrity and Mrs Bewley. Our First Communicants are Martynas, Leo, James, Adam, Charlotte, Gabriella, Cobey, Jakub, Michael, Daniel, Charlie C, Evie, Max Mia, Olivia, Elliot, Freya, Sebastian, Leigha and Florrie.

May Jesus bless them and keep them on their journey.



Silver Anniversary Celebration: On Tuesday 22nd June, Fr Chris celebrates the 25 years since he was ordained a priest. The staff and children of St Cuthbert's join with our parish community of St Bede's and St Cuthbert's in congratulating Fr Chris on this wonderful anniversary and in thanking him for all he does to share his ministry with us in school. We hope that he enjoys every second of his very special day.

Coronavirus Symptoms and Testing:

It is still important that you continue to let us know us know if your child has symptoms of coronavirus, and/or tests positive. Please see the notice on the Home Page of our website.

Thank you for your support with this.

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend, stay safe and take care of each other.

With best wishes,

Clare Swales

Mrs Clare Swales, Head Teacher

