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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

In this morning's assembly, we reflected on the Gospel Value of courage. We listened to the story of Florence Nightingale, who showed great bravery by caring for the sick despite opposition, trusting in God's guidance.

Her example reminded us that courage means doing what is right, even when it is difficult. The children were encouraged to show courage in their own lives by trying new things, helping others and standing up for what is right.

Our Merit winners were also recognised for showing the Gospel Values in and around the school. Well done to those children selected by their teachers.



ST. GEORGE'S DAY

We had a fantastic celebration in school yesterday to mark St. George's Day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed in red and white, embracing the spirit of the day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of traditional English games, made even better by the beautiful sunshine. There was a great sense of fun and community throughout the day and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces. Please visit our Facebook page to see some highlights and the happy memories made by all.



ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

St. Bede's have arranged a taster day on Wednesday 13th May. The day is designed to give Year 5 pupils a feel for senior school life through a range of lessons and activities. Interested parents can book directly with the school at their email address:-
admissions@sbcm.co.uk

BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder to parents that school will be closed on Monday 4th May for the May Bank Holiday.



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PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHING

A correction to some information that was given out last week. Mr Taylor's 1:1 music lessons will take place on a Thursday morning and NOT on a Tuesday morning. Apologies for the mix up!

It is no surprise that both Mrs Chambers and Mr Taylor are fully booked up now and so Mrs Coen will hold a waiting list for anyone else wanting to join. If spaces do become available, Mrs Coen will be in touch with any parents with a child on the waiting list.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT

We have 3 more educational visits booked in before the end of term. The children in Key Stage 2 will be visiting the Museum of Science and Industry on Monday 11th May in order to enrich their recent learning about the topic on Space. On Wednesday, 10th June, the Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 pupils will be visiting the Bridgewater Hall to watch the Halle Orchestra and enrich their Music and Science learning about a topic on Minibeasts. Finally, the Key Stage 2 children will be visiting the Palace Theatre to watch Annie-The Musical on Wednesday 17th June. More details about this trip are to follow. Lots of exciting opportunities for our children to look forward to!

VENTURE OUT

The children in Year 6 are really enjoying their outdoor activities on a Monday afternoon at Venture Out. Up to now, they have tried archery, caving, bouldering and mountain biking. Next Monday, they will be having a go at kayaking on the River Mersey! The children will need to bring a change of clothes just in case they get wet!

SUN SAFETY

As temperatures rise and days become sunnier, please ensure your children bring a sun hat, a bottle for water and suncream to school in the mornings.





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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

We have had a fun week learning about the life-cycle of butterflies. We enjoyed listening to the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and making paintings of butterflies. We even welcomed some real life caterpillars into the classroom, whom we hope to watch grow and and change into chrysalis and then hopefully butterflies!

Year 1/2

We also have had a very busy week focussing on growth and change beginning with learning about the life-cycle of butterflies and doing some non-fiction descriptive writing on caterpillars. We have set up a scientific investigation to find out about what mediums a runner bean seed grows in best. We enjoyed a fun lesson in PE on Wednesday - this term the focus is on tennis skills.

Year 4/5

After reaching an exciting chapter in Viking Boy by Tony Bradman, the classroom turned into a newsroom as the children took on the role of journalists, reporting on a dramatic battle in the story. They produced some imaginative headlines and vivid descriptions, bringing the action to life. To mark St George's Day, the class then used Chromebooks to research the history and traditions linked to England's patron saint, learning to distinguish between fact and legend and presenting their findings in informative reports.

Year 6

It's been a fun-filled week of learning in Year 6. After anothe exhilarating Forest School session on Monday, the children went to Venture Out to exerieence some bouldering and mountain biking. They are really enjoying the rehearsals for the forthcoming Summer Production and have been learning their lines and songs with enthusiasm. In English, they learnt how to use rhyming couplets to come up with a class poem that had both rhythm and rhyme. Maths lessons were focussed on scale enlargement before we tackle ratio and proportion problems next week.

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8 per sessions
(Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Time and further details |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Monday 27th April | Year 6 – Venture Out | 1:00-3:00pm |
| Monday 4th May | BANK HOLIDAY | School closed |
| Monday 11th May | Key Stage 2- Educational Visit to the Museum of Science and Industry-Cosmic Chaos | 9:05-3:00pm Packed lunch needed Full school uniform |
| Monday 18th May | Year 6 – Venture Out | 1:00-3:00pm |
| Friday 22nd May | LAMDA examinations | |
| Friday 22nd May | 3:05pm School closes for Whit holiday | School closes for 2 weeks |
| Monday 8th June | School opens for Summer 2 | 8:00am |
| Tuesday 9th June | Greater Manchester Fire Service workshop for KS2 | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday 10th June | Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle Orchestra | Leave school at 11:00am Return to school at 3:00pm Packed lunch required |
| Thursday 17th June | Key Stage 2 go to the Palace Theatre to watch Annie | Leave school at 1:30pm Return to school at 6:00pm |
| Wednesday 24th June | Sports Day | 1:30pm St. John’s playing field |
| Friday 26th June | Dress rehearsal for the Summer Production | 12:00-2:00pm at the Community Hall (No KS2 swimming today) |
| Tuesday 30th June | Summer Production-The School-O-Vision Song Contest | 6:00pm @ Heaton Mersey Community Hall |
| Thursday 2nd July | Transition morning | Children to meet their new teacher |
| Tuesday 7th July | Pre-Prep + Key Stage 1 Assembly | 9:30am School hall |
| Wednesday 8th July | Year 4+5 Assembly | 9:30am School hall |
| Thursday 9th July | Year 6 Assembly | 2:00pm School hall |
| Thursday 9th July | End of year pupil progress reports to go home | |
| Friday 10th July | Year 6 bowling at Parris Wood | 9:30-11:00am |
| Friday 10th July | School closes for the Summer Holiday | 12:00 noon |