

September Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



A warm welcome back to all of our children and families following the summer break. We hope that you had a chance to enjoy some quality family time together and are looking forward to the new school year. The children have settled back in smoothly and happily and it is lovely to welcome some new families to our school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Sutherland

Pre-loved school uniform

We have a good range of quality pre-loved uniform that has been kindly donated. A huge thanks to Mrs. Marsh who washed all of the items over the summer holidays! If you would like to see what we have available, please feel free to phone the school office or pop in after school to see if we have what you need.

This uniform will be available to be collected throughout the school year.



Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

Education Sunday

On Sunday, we were reminded about why our Catholic schools are so special. As a Catholic School, we are able to gather together each day in Jesus's name. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel, when two or three gather in his name he is there with us. In our liturgy, we explained to the children that every time we pray, Jesus is in the room with us.



As I am sure you are aware, St. Bede's are dealing with the current RAAC issue in school. The current arrangements are that sixth form pupils are situated at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary for their classes in the Infant hall. The behaviour of the students has been outstanding and we have managed to avoid disruption to our pupils.

TODDLERS GROUP

CHANGE OF DAY!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:30pm-3pm
Nursery NOT Infant hall-come to the Nursery entrance please!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

We look forward to welcoming you. Come along to play, have a cuppa and a chat!

Please note all are welcome-you do not have to have a child attending Our Lady of the Rosary School

No charge!

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a whole school target for every child across school. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring your child attends school.

Please continue to support us in ensuring your child attends school and arrives on time. Remember all children are able to come into school at 8:45am and they very much enjoy this time sharing a book with their friends! We do understand that children are sometimes ill, if this is the case then please ensure that you phone the office to inform them of any reason that your child is off school. When a child is absent, the office will make phone calls to all families, and if we do not get a response then we follow this up which is often a home visit.

We have had a lot of requests recently for holidays. Unfortunately, all holidays will be unauthorised as we want the children to reach their full academic ability and not miss any school. *Following Durham County Council advice, we are also now unable to authorise sporting events that have not been arranged via school.*

Y5 Residential Stay – The Youth Village, 22nd -24th November

You should have received information regarding this year's 2 night residential stay at the Youth Village. Last year was a huge success. There will be an information meeting nearer the time but in the meantime if you have any questions about the visit contact your child's class teacher or myself and we'll be happy to help.



Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

Dates for the Diary

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents/carers in the **main hall** from 8:30am until 10am. Children may attend with their parents/carers from 8:30-9:00am.

All are welcome to join us and we would love as many people as possible to come along and show your support.

We will also be selling cakes at home-time on the school yards to give another opportunity.

All donations gratefully received!



Our first Family Friday will take place Friday 13th October at 2.15pm around the theme of friendship.

You will be able to watch an assembly that focuses on our approach to friendship including our anti-bullying policy. You will be introduced to our brand new School Council to hear how they were elected and some of their goals for this year.

Wrap-around care

Breakfast Club is available to all children at a cost of £3 per session and £1.50 for additional siblings. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and children are taken to their classes afterwards.

To book a place at Breakfast Club please email wraparound@ourladyrosary.org.uk by 3pm the day before you would like your child to attend.

Our Tea Time Club is open to all children who attend our school. Places are available throughout the week at a cost of £4 per session and £2 for additional siblings. The club starts directly after school to 4.45pm.

To book a place at Tea Time Club please email wraparound@ourladyrosary.org.uk by 3pm the day before you would like your child to attend.

For more information please contact the school office.

Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number, or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly.

We need a minimum of **two contacts** for safeguarding purposes to ensure we can make contact in an emergency. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

Also, if your child's medical needs have changed, please contact the school.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their uniform and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that this continues this year. Please remember children are not allowed to wear earrings and no extreme hair cuts please.

Full details about the school uniform can be found on our website

[Uniform - Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School \(ourladyrosary.org.uk\)](http://ourladyrosary.org.uk)