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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Easter break!

Parent meetings

Thank you to all who attended the remote meetings at the Junior school before Easter. Infant parent meetings are being held from Monday 26th April, so we hope to see as many of you as possible next week. If you experience any difficulties making an appointment, please contact the St Bede's Office staff, who will be pleased to assist you.

Uniform

All children are still expected to be in full **winter** uniform. Children do not need to bring jackets or jumpers on warmer days. Please order summer uniform from the online uniform provider now. We will let you know when children can start wearing their summer uniform in due course.

On PE days children will need to come into school in their full PE kits for the day.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Google Classroom and paper packs will be provided for pupils who are in receipt of this provision currently.

Term dates

Term dates for the rest of this term and provisional dates for next year have been sent out to Parents.

Please note:

Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday and all schools will be closed.

Thursday 6th June is Polling Day. Our infant school is being used as a Polling station, **but will not be closed to pupils**. Arrival and Collection procedures will be slightly different on this day and Parents will be notified of changes closer to the time.

Pencil cases in the Juniors:

Many children have come back to school without their pencil cases this term. Please make sure your child has a transparent plastic pencil case containing 2 pencils, colouring pencils, a rubber, a sharpener, a ruler, a green biro, a purple pen (used for correcting work)

Scooters and bikes:

The schools cannot take responsibility for any scooters or bikes that go missing.

We have had to send out several text messages in the Infants, asking Parents to check the scooter their child has taken home is actually theirs. Thank you to those who have returned the scooters not belonging to them. Please label your child's scooter with their name and class (**do not use ribbons or other markings for**

identification purposes) and provide a chain and padlock for staff to secure the scooter on arrival. This will save the Office time in trying to resolve cases of 'missing' scooters and prevent upset for the child whose scooter has gone missing.

Always check the scooter your child takes home is theirs. It may be advisable to take the scooter home with you and then bring it again at the end of the day.

Please note: The Office is happy to send out an alert for a missing scooter and will do their best to resolve any issues, but we cannot replace or refund monies for any that go missing.

Statement sent this week from the Diocese to share with Parents and Carers:

There is no place for racism in our Church and education community.

The Archdiocese of Southwark is actively working with pupils, teachers, parents, governors and service providers, through the Education Commission, to promote inclusion and a culture of respect.

We believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and we uphold fairness and justice for all people.

The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to:

- ensuring that no pupil leaves any of our schools without knowing and understanding that all human life is sacred and that, racism can never be justified in any circumstances
- ensuring that our schools celebrate the richness of racial diversity in our day to day lives and throughout the world
- providing regular opportunities for pupils, teachers and others to share their stories and be heard
- ensuring that no pupil in our schools is subject to prejudice or discrimination or experiences bias based on their social, cultural or ethnic heritage
- regularly reviewing and developing the curriculum in our schools so that it presents and explores society, culture, literature and history accurately and fairly
- actively encouraging the creation of diverse staff and governance teams that reflect our school communities and ensures that black, Asian and minority ethnic team members have equal opportunities to all posts/roles
- collating, reviewing, monitoring and evaluating school-level data in a way that enables us to address any concerns relating to discrimination and to identify exemplary practice, reporting these annually to the Education Commission.

I would like to remind all Parents and Carers that our schools will not tolerate any form of racism and that any racist remarks made against our staff and/or our schools, whether personally or on social media, will be reported immediately to the Governors, the Diocese and Lambeth.

The Year of St Joseph

This current year, from December 2020 to December 2021, has been chosen by Pope Francis as the Year of St Joseph. This humble, yet popular saint, is a great model to us all, in many ways. He was someone who did not like to be the centre of attention, yet he was such a key person in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus and what the Holy Family went through in those difficult times. He is a witness to the fact that working behind the scenes has a great value. For us, Joseph is a reminder that although our work may often go unnoticed and we

receive no plaudits for what we do within our parishes, schools and outside of our communities, what we do does not go unnoticed in the eyes of God.

In our schools we will make sure that St Joseph is given a special place in our work with our children this year. He is a model for us to imitate and to inspire us how to be people of faith in our daily lives.

Goodbye's and Welcome

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Ingram in our St Bede's School Office, who is leaving on Tuesday 27th April and moving on to a promotion and new challenges in another school. Mrs Ingram is well known to many of our Parents and has been with us since 2013. She will be greatly missed and the whole school community wishes her all the very best for the future . If you would like to say your own personal goodbye, please phone the school office or send a message/card via your child's book bag or via office@st-bedes.lambeth.sch.uk

On Friday we also said goodbye to Mr Jimawo, who was a 1:1 support for a child in Reception. Mr Jimawo is training to be a Pastor and we wish him all the very best as he goes on to work with students and families in his Parish.

We welcome Ms Nicholls, who will be taking over Mr Jimawo's role in Reception for the rest of this term.

We also welcome two new students doing their teacher placements with us this term, in Year 1 and Year 3.

Kindest regards

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