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**Dear Parent/ Carer**

I hope you have had a good week.

It has been busy in school, at times a little hectic and of course this morning it was wet!

May I ask politely and respectfully ask the small number of parents we have driving up to the school gate to drop their children, not to do so. I have from time-to-time driven my own children to their primary schools and know that it is not always to find somewhere to park – especially when it is raining! But, we all have a part to play in making sure safety comes before convenience.

I really enjoyed yesterday talking to parents of children in Reception yesterday. It was a Teams call and there were 45 of us present. The meeting helped me understand what is working well and also what needs further thought from the school. I am very grateful to all those parents who found time to join us. The next Teams meeting for Reception parents with me is on 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. This is set to be a very special day. I wonder if you know why and I am not talking Guy Fawkes!

If any parent is having problems with any of the platforms we use – Google Classrooms, Bug Club, GoRead, TT Rockstars, Microsoft Teams, Spelling Shed, Abacus Maths – please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wright, our IT technician – whenever I have had an IT issue, he has always solved it. You can email him here: [it.technician@st-bedes.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:it.technician@st-bedes.redbridge.sch.uk). No problem, too small.

After half-term, Mrs Roberts and I will take over giving all parents a weekly opportunity to login to speak at an open forum about anything they feel we can help with. These sessions will be on Thursdays at 5.00pm, starting November 4<sup>th</sup> – they will run till Christmas. If you wish to speak to me about a matter that is confidential, please speak to a member of the school office team who will arrange a time for us to speak.

**Starting Time**

I would be grateful if Reception children were not sent into school before 8.45am. This is the time when I can ensure there will be a Learning Support Assistant at each gate to welcome the children and guide them to class.

## Recycling

I am delighted that some of our Y5 children have successfully worked with Mr Peter to introduce recycling to our school. We have photographed the girls with Alex, one of our wonderful community refuse workers. We now have two lovely shiny recycling bins in our carpark where paper, tins and plastic can be deposited by our cleaning team.



## Father Sean

I think I am right in saying today is the day Father Sean has been welcomed into our parish. We look forward to seeing him in school in the days to come.

## Last Friday

Last Friday the children and staff were kind enough to celebrate the fact that this last summer I completed my twenty-fifth year as a head teacher. The Mass was recorded and can be viewed on the StBedeChurch channel on YouTube, should you wish to see it. I was grateful for the cards the children made for me.

I do hope you enjoy your weekend

**God Bless**

**Gary**