



Issue 1



St. Benedict's Newsletter 28th September 2017

Governor Spot

Welcome back to everyone from the Governing Board!

We have a big year ahead of us and the Governors will be working hard with the school to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved. Meetings for the year have been planned in and will underpin all of the work and changes that are facing St. Benedict's. We will be looking at our strategic involvement in the school and we will update information on the website very soon.

If you have any questions about becoming a Governor, please go to the school office and they will be happy to help you. You can also look at our pages on the school website.

Beginners' Sewing Classes

We are pleased to offer sewing classes for beginners every Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm - 2.15pm in the community room. You will have the chance to learn some basic sewing skills, anything from learning to thread a needle to sewing a simple garment for your child. If you are interested in joining please leave your name and contact number with the office staff.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name and class? If you wish your child to wear hijab to school, please follow the uniform policy of plain white or red (no sparkles). Thank you for your support.

Community Room Events

- Phonics workshops starting for Reception from 8.45am - 10.00am.
- Beginners' ESOL classes every Tuesdays from 9.00am - 11.30am with Syra Butler.
- Beginners' ESOL classes every Thursdays and Fridays from 9.00am - 11.30am with Timebank.
- Parent's Café every Wednesdays from 1.00pm - 2.30pm with Syra Butler in the community room. Come along and have a coffee and a chat!

Nursery

Nursery children are settling in well and our activities are underway. To find out what your child is learning each week, please see the board near the door or ask your child's teacher. For the next few weeks, we are learning the Nursery rules and helping children to become more independent so please encourage your child to take off their coat, hang it up and find their own name badge at the beginning of each session.

Reception

The children in Reception have settled into their new class's really well, thank you for all your support. The children are already learning their new story - 'The Little Red Hen' and we were very excited to make bread in class.

Reception children are also counting and learning about numbers from 10 to 20. We will be having a Reception Big Breakfast soon, please look out for the letter.

Please remember to send your child's PE kit as PE has already started this week.

Book bags are for sale at £5 and will last children to the end of their school time at St. Benedict's.

Year One

The children have settled well into Year One. This half term, our theme is called Me, Myself and I where the children have been learning all about themselves.

In English children have been reading the text 'Owl Babies', which is a lost and found story where we are going to change some parts of the story to write our own lost and found story. Next the children are going to read a non-fiction text. They will follow the instructions to make a next and learn how to write instructions.

In Maths the children have been practising their counting skills and recognising numbers. Next the children will be learning about addition and subtraction, place value, 2D and 3D shapes.

In topic the children have been learning all about themselves, which has included labelling body parts. They are now learning about their five senses, sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell. Next the children are going to learn all about homes and will compare homes now and in the past, comparing the city and countryside.

Year Two

This term our topic is 'monsters'. The children have been busy learning different skills such as sewing which will enable them to make moving monsters. In English we have been learning the story 'On the Way Home' where the children have been learning and adapting the original story to make it their own.

In Maths we have been learning about place value, ordering numbers, counting in twos, fives and tens. Year Two will also be practicing their adding and subtracting skills.

Can we please remind parents to send their child's PE kit to school and to encourage them to bring their boog bags to school daily?