



Issue 2



St. Benedict's Newsletter 20th October 2017

Governor Spot

Well things have settled back into routine now and Governor Board meetings have started. The Board are working closely with the school to address strategic actions that are required and to support the Leadership team in the work they do.

We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Board for a parent and co-opted governor. If you would like to become a governor or know someone who would, please contact the school office for further information.

Attendance

Attendance Week will begin on 6th November. Please look on our school website (www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk) for updates and tips on attendance. Why not take a look at our new attendance newsletter found under parent's information.

Nursery

We can't wait to start our activities after half term! We will be creating lots of exciting 'firework' themed pictures and we will be doing some cooking too! If you see fireworks during half term, you could talk to your child about the colours and sounds they make. After a few weeks we will be moving on to our new story 'The Enormous Turnip' and we will be carrying out lots of fun activities with food!

Just to remind you that we learn outside every day in Nursery so please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves if it is really chilly. Please can you also purchase a red book bag (£5.00) for your child as we will be sending books home after the holidays?



Reception

We have had a fantastic time in Reception making pizza and writing instructions. We have been talking about who eats breakfast in our house and sharing a big breakfast! The children have been on a shape hunt and learning shapes that they have seen.

Next term we will have the Space Dome in school and will be finding out all about space.

Please remember to name your child's hat, scarf and gloves when you return after the holiday.

Year One

The children in Year One have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' which follows a lost and found plot and have been busy writing their own lost and found stories! They have also learnt how to write instructions on how to make a nest. The next story the children will be reading is 'The Rainbow Fish', which is a problem and resolution plot where they will be writing their own problem and resolution story. Year One will also be reading poems this half term and reading 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

For Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, where we have been naming and describing the shapes. Next we will be learning and using positional language. Children will be practicing counting, reading and writing numbers up to 100 and then reading and writing these numbers as words.

For Topic the children have been learning about where they live and comparing the city with other places. The topic this half term is under the sea. Year One will be going to the Sea Life Centre on 1st November to learn about this and will be looking at different sea creatures. Please pay £15.00 for this trip. Thank you to all parents who have already paid.

Year Two

This half term our topic is 'Journeys'. As our journey stimulus, the children will have an exciting journey experience. In English we will be learning the story 'Lost and Found'. The children will learn the story and then use ideas to support them in inventing a new story where a character is lost.

In Maths we will continue learning about money and move onto measures such as length (cm and m) and weight (g and kg).

A little reminder that home reading books are changed on Monday and Friday. Homework and spellings are given out on Friday ready for our weekly spelling tests on Monday. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – school will break up for half term holiday today and will re-open on Monday 30th October. Wishing everyone a restful break!