



## Issue 5



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### Attendance

Thank you once again for participating in Attendance Week. Congratulations to the individual winners of the attendance raffle and also congratulations to B1AM who have won the whole school best attending class and Nursery's best attending class. R3 who won most improved attendance, G2 who won most consistent class for the Autumn term, R2 who won Reception best attending class, O3 who won best attending class and G5 who won Year Two best attending class.

Please remember to be an Attendance Hero we need to be **Here Every Day Ready and On Time.**

Can I please remind you that if your child is absent from school you will need to call the main office before 9.30am with the reason for the absence? Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised mark.

#### Governor Spot

2018 has got off to a busy start with meetings looking at finance and strategy. Governors are excited about the plans to convert the school to a Primary and have already put their views forward to the Local Authority.

Letters have been sent to all parents asking for nominations for the two Parent Governor vacancies. We urge people to put their names forward. If you need any further information please go to the school office.

#### Nursery

We have been having so much fun in Nursery with our new topic - Bears! Thank you for sending your child in with a bear for our picnic, they looked after them very well. The children are getting really good at retelling our story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. Why not ask them to tell it to the whole family. You could even watch the story on you tube, your child will love joining in. We have noticed how good they are all getting at mark making. Please spend time at home and encourage your child to draw pictures and talk about them. Why not bring the pictures in, we would love to see them.

Finally a huge 'thank you' to all parents who worked with their child on the home learning task. Look out for the next task coming soon!

#### ESOL

Timebank are offering free ESOL classes for beginners every Thursday and Friday from 9.00am - 11.00am in the community room. If you are interested, please speak to the school office for registration.

## Reception

Reception had a fantastic start to the year when Riverside Performing Arts came in to perform Elmer for them. They were all so excited and joined in enthusiastically with the actors. The children have been learning the story of Elmer for their Talk for Writing and will soon be writing a part of the story. The children have also been busy working with our teaching students where they have learnt about minibeasts and created a bug hotel in our playground. Reception will be able to search for and observe minibeasts whenever they are outside now.

We are still collecting boxes and cartons for our junk modelling; if you have some please hand these in to a member of staff.

Parent meetings will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## Year One

In English, the children in Year One have been reading Aladdin, which is a wishing tale. Firstly, the children made changes to Aladdin and wrote their own version of the story, they then invented their own wishing tale.

Next Year One are going to be learning about instruction writing and working on writing a recipe.

In Maths, the children have been learning about subtraction, place value and time. Next they will be learning about length and height applying their addition and subtraction skills further.

In Science, we are learning about materials and in Design and Technology we will be cooking and learning about healthy eating.

In History, the children will be researching significant people and learning about the astronaut Tim Peake.

## Year Two

Year Two started of the new year with a brilliant performance of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children will learn and change the story to make it their own. Can the children complete the following sentence: Dark is.....

In Maths, we have been learning about money, missing numbers, subtraction and shape. Can your child use the correct vocabulary to tell you about different shapes?

Year Two have been thinking about our topic 'It's a wonderful World', they were asked to think about what makes our world wonderful. We started the topic by learning about habitats - what they are and what animals live there. Come into our classrooms to have a look at the habitats that the children have designed and made.

## Half Term Holiday

School will close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm and re-open on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am. Wishing everyone a very peaceful break!