



Issue 6



St. Benedict's Newsletter 16th February 2018

Attendance

This term we have had a significant rise in pupil requests for leave during term time. Can we please remind you that it is essential for your child to be in school regularly to benefit fully from their educational opportunities? Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. To achieve this, children need to attend school every day. We will be continuing to monitor attendance and are looking forward to giving out 100% certificates to our Attendance Heroes who are **Here Every Day Ready and on Time** throughout the Spring Term.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance please come to the main office or call 0121 464 6420/0121 675 3522 and ask to speak to the Pastoral Team.

Governor Spot

February is a quiet month for Governors. However, they have a lot of work ahead of them in the coming months, with the new school budget to approve and a number of other actions that require their attention. Our school Governors are very supportive of the school and we are grateful for their input.

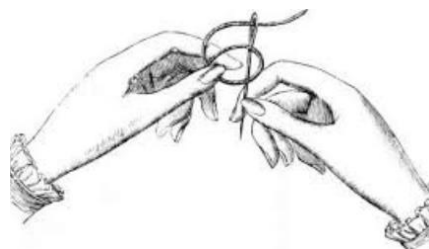
We still have Governor vacancies, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school office for further information.

Nursery

What a fun time we have had celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery; we hope you liked your envelope with a shiny penny inside. Ask your child how they made the noodles and if they tasted good. Our next topic is 'People Who Help Us'. We will be having visits from the local police officers, Hay Mills Fire Station will be bringing their fire truck and Footiebugs are coming into work with the children. We have lots of other activities planned too. Come and have a look in Nursery to find out what's going on!

Sewing Classes

Basic hand sewing classes will be held every Thursday afternoon after half term. If you are interested, please register at the school office. Unfortunately there is no crèche available.



Reception

This half term the children have really enjoyed learning about wild animals and have produced some lovely pictures and models. Thank you to all of you for supporting your child with their homework tasks, the children have brought in some lovely work from home and we are very proud of it.

Our next topic is traditional tales so you could read some stories at home and talk about them with your child.

In March it will be World Book Day and this is a good opportunity to read lots of different books with your child at home. Please remember to send your books back every week to be changed and use our swap shop.

Year One

Year One have had a fantastic half term and have been working very hard in our 'I Wish' topic and we have also learnt lots about St. Valentines, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year.

Next half term our topic will be 'Once upon a Time' and the children will be learning the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. During this topic, the children will be writing their own stories and learning about the past. We have our visit to Warwick Castle to support their learning around the topic.

In Maths Year One will be learning about fractions, multiplication and division.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day, to support their learning and also the attendance of the year group. Keep practising letter and number formation every evening and encourage your child to use the skills that they have learnt in school including writing stories, counting, adding and subtracting.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to another fantastic half term!

Year Two

Year Two are going to be starting an exciting new topic 'Where we Live'. The children have the opportunity to learn about different houses and homes and we will also get to explore homes from the past during a trip to The Black Country Museum. In English we will be learning the story of 'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig'. The children will be encouraged to create their own story where they have to defeat a monster.

In Maths, we will be learning about capacity, temperature and fractions.

Continue encouraging your child to complete homework and change their reading books.

Half Term Holiday

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