



## Issue 7



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Attendance

This month you will have received a message to inform you of our new attendance email address. If you need to contact school and the telephone lines are busy please email the attendance address stating your child's full name, class and your message to [attendance@stbendic.bham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@stbendic.bham.sch.uk)

Hopefully we have seen the last of the bad weather for this year, however unless you receive a message stating school is closed please ensure you make it to school otherwise your child's mark will be recorded as unauthorised.

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

#### Governor Spot

It has been a busy month for Governors in March. They had lots of meetings to attend and some very important decisions to make and official actions to complete.

We have also been very lucky to recruit a new Parent Governor to the Board.

We still have vacancies and would welcome any questions you may have. Please come to the school office for further information.

#### Recycling

You will all have had a letter about battery recycling, please help your child fill their box and complete the form with it. This can then be returned to the school office.

Also, we are still collecting old clothes, accessories, shoes and toys in the recycling unit in the front entrance hall. Please bring anything you no longer need to help raise extra money for school. As always, thank you for your kind donations.

#### Nursery

In Nursery, we have been really busy building things including bridges for our goats to trip-trap over. A huge 'thank you' for working so hard at home with your children this half term. The houses you created together last week are fabulous and we have proudly displayed them on our wall in Nursery, come and have a look! Some exciting events coming up next half term. We would like you to come in to work with your child soon to do some pond dipping. We are very excited as we also have a visit to the zoo booked in June. Look out for letters for these events coming soon!

#### Easter Holidays

School will close on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.45pm and re-open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am. Wishing all our families and friends a very lovely Easter!

## Reception

Thank you to all the parents who came in to read with your child on World Book Day. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and had a super day doing activities about their book. Reception children have been learning about traditional tales this half term and have really enjoyed thinking about the different 'baddies' in the books. The children have been working hard learning to describe 3D shapes, name them and to talk about time in Maths.

After the holidays, we will be having good work assemblies on a Friday at 8.45am in the Reception hall, please come along and help us celebrate all the fantastic things that your children do!

## Year One

Wow! What a half term Year One have had! They have been working extra hard learning how to write intruder stories and recounts about their visit to Warwick Castle. The children have been practising their Spring Concert and were so excited to perform it for you all! I am sure you will agree they did a fantastic job. Thank you for coming to support your children.

Next half term we will be learning how to write a story all about defeating a monster! Sharing stories with your child will help them to develop their imaginations and give them lots of ideas for their own stories. Your child will be practising division by grouping and one more and less. Ask your child to tell you all of the ways that they can make 10 and 20.

Once again a big 'thank you' for all of your support this half term. Have a fantastic Easter holiday and stay safe.

## Year Two

This half term the children have enjoyed learning about 'where we live'. They have learnt about the past and how houses and household objects have changed over time. We have also enjoyed exploring toys and games from the past. This was then followed up with a fantastic trip to The Black Country Museum.

In English, we learnt a defeating the monster story, the children thoroughly enjoyed thinking of a new monster that causes a problem.

In Maths, we have been learning fractions, capacity, temperature and positional language. The children have also been very busy practising SATs test papers - keep up the hard work Year Two!

## Community Afternoon

**On the afternoon of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April it will be our annual community day event. Make sure you do not miss this special event. There will be lots of visiting agencies i.e. the fire service, police officers, leisure centre, library, college, Bharosa, Trident and many, many more. Please come along!**