



Issue 10



St. Benedict's Newsletter 29th June 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL

Summer is here and the gardens are busy not only with children but also with wildlife! St. Benedict's has provided a wildlife home for the bees, butterflies and ladybirds in the garden, allowing one of our raised beds to be taken over by wild flowers! As part of this, the children have taken part in a bee survey for the Bee Society helping to monitor the number of bees in our garden, compared with last year when we didn't have a wildflower area. The children have certainly noticed many more bees this year and this can only be good news!

Many of our plants are now well established and the gardening club have been busy planting runner beans, tomatoes and sweetcorn which are all available to purchase from the school office. Soon, gardening club will be harvesting coriander, onions, cherries, raspberries and redcurrants which can again be bought from the office once ready! Due to our commitment to teaching our children about gardening and more importantly looking after nature and the world around them, we have been approached by the Royal Horticultural Society who wish to work with us as a training venue to help teach other schools about the use of gardening and outdoor education in schools. As well as this, we have formed good links with some top BBC TV gardeners, who keep a close eye on our achievements and will hopefully at some point come and visit us!

RECEPTION

We hope everyone had a lovely Eid. The children had a wonderful time telling us all about their celebrations. Thank you for coming to listen to your child's story on Mr. Gumpy's Outing; they have worked really hard to learn the story and to think of ways that they are going to change it.

Please be aware that now the summer is here we will be outside regularly and water play will be available each day. You may want to send some spare clothes in so that your child can change if they get wet.

Another reminder, please make sure your child's name is on their jumper and cap so that they do not get lost!

Ashend Farm trip will be on Wednesday 4th July, look out for a reminder letter soon.

SUMMER FETE

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fete last week. It was a lovely afternoon and the weather changed just at the right time for us. The fete is held to help raise money for school fund and this year you did us proud by helping us raise £1,015.78. Plans are already being made for next year; and we hope it will be even more successful!

NURSERY

We can't quite believe that Nursery children are getting ready to leave us soon! Every single child has made amazing progress this year and the Nursery team are so proud of them all. However, before they leave us, we have a few important dates for you. On Wednesday 11th July, we will be holding a graduation ceremony to say goodbye to the children, we will let you know times nearer the date. On our last day, Thursday 12th July, we will be having a celebration party to thank the children for being such super stars this year. This will be £1.00 per child for bouncy castle, face painting, party food and a few more surprises!

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YEAR ONE

The children in Year One have been working really hard these last few weeks! They have written fantastic journey stories, learning about doubles, halves and learning all about the flowers that grow in our environment! In the next few weeks, we will be learning how to write instructions, learning about time, number and learning all about different artists. Ask your child to give you some instructions - can they use the words first, next, after that and finally? Keep practising reading and writing at home. We will soon be collecting in home reading books for the summer.

The children have a trip on Tuesday 3rd July to 'All things Wild', please pay for this trip as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who have already paid. During the hot weather, please send your child to school with a sun hat and water bottle. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR TWO

In English, we have begun learning the text 'The Nightmare Man'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the story with TFW actions. Can your child tell you who the nightmare man is? The children will be changing the suspense story to think of other characters and what nightmares they may cause.

In Maths, we have been recapping multiplication and division. The children have been encouraged to explain how they worked out their answers.

In topic, we have been carrying out an investigation on flowers by placing them in different living conditions. Can your child tell you what happened to the flower that was placed in the blue food colouring?