



Issue 1



St. Benedict's Newsletter 28th Sept 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. These will keep you up to date with events and will provide you with information about life in school. You will already have received a letter with details about what your child will be doing in class this half term. Our website also holds lots of information, so don't forget to check there on a regular basis. (www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk)

ATTENDANCE

Article 28 (Right to Education). Your child has the right to a good quality education. You should encourage your child to go to school to the highest level they can.

Attending school is essential for children to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. At St. Benedict's, children learn that they must be in school every day, ready to learn and on time. We expect all of our children to have a 'good' level of attendance of 96% or higher.

Schools have a safeguarding responsibility and must account for the whereabouts of all children on the register on a given day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you must phone and speak to Miss Nola Mardenborough, our Pastoral Assistant, before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Failure to do so may result in a home visit and/or a referral to Birmingham City Council's 'Missing in Education' team.

If your child has a minor ailment, such as a cough or a cold, they should still come to school. Where possible, we will make arrangements to support children who may not be feeling their best.

Medical appointments must be arranged outside of school hours and medical evidence provided if taken during school hours.

GOVERNOR SPOT

Welcome back from the Governing Board. We hope you are as keen as we are to have another successful year at St. Benedict's'. Our year has started already with a strategy meeting where we looked at the school's strategic direction for the coming years as we progress through to a full Primary School. We are very excited about what the next few years will hold and we will be supporting the Senior Leadership Team as they require. We still have a vacancy for a co-opted governor on our board, if you think you have the skills required, please go to the school office for further information.

UNIFORM

We would like to remind you that all children should have a PE kit consisting of black shorts/leggings, a red t- shirt and a pair of pumps. This is for the safety of your child when they are using apparatus.

May we also remind you that if you wish your child to wear a hijab, this must be in PLAIN white or red - no other colour or sparkles please!

READING

We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to read EVERY day. This year Key Stage 1 and 2 children each have a fantastic new reading diary! Please read their school book every day and fill in the reading diary at the end of the week to let us know how your child is doing.

Your child does not have to read the book they are sent home with by themselves; you can read it to them or with them, which could even be as a bedtime story.

Remember we still have a swap shop in school. Please come along and choose a book to take home. When you have finished with it bring it back to swap it for another book!

THE KINGFISHER COLLABORATION

St Benedict's is part of a new collaboration. We are working closely with the following local schools: Stechford Primary, Somerville Primary, Redhill Primary, Starbank School, Bordesley Green Primary and Blakesley Hall.

We will be supporting each other to provide the highest possible level of education for all our children in the local area, sharing the strengths in each school through events such as joint training, inter school sports, arts events and leadership support.

Please see our website for further details.

UP COMING DATES

Monday 15th October - food collection starts for Sparkhill Foodbank. Details will be sent shortly

Monday 22nd October/Wednesday 24th October - Parent Meetings

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November - half term holiday