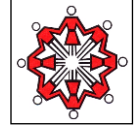




## Issue 5



**St. Benedict's Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **Environment**

The Eco Committee have been busy learning about single-use plastics such as straws and carrier bags and the damage they can cause our environment. The children have written letters to the Queen and the Prime Minister to ask them to consider reducing the amount of plastic the UK uses and to look at alternative recycling solutions. You can help too by not having plastic straws in drinks and using paper straws where they are needed. Also, by refusing plastic carrier bags from shops and taking your own bag for life will really help our environment.

The gardening club are eager to get started with our planting schedule and we will be sowing a variety of crops such as potatoes, onions, garlic, chilli, tomatoes, peas and much more!

### **Nursery Admissions - Sept 2019**

If you have a child born from September 2015 - August 2016 they will be due to start Nursery in September 2019. Please complete an admission form if you have not already done so but please be aware that we only have a few spaces left. We will be sending out Nursery offer letters towards the end of April.

### **Attendance**

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason, please contact school before 9.30am on the first day of absence. You must provide medical evidence and call for everyday of absence. Failure to inform school with this information will result in an unauthorised mark.

Please ensure you are getting to school on time; 8.30am for morning Nursery, 8.35am for children in Reception to Year 3 and 12.00pm for afternoon Nursery: as late marks are recorded.

We will be monitoring attendance on a weekly basis. If you require any support with getting to school on time, please contact the school office on 0121 464 6420 or use our attendance email address:

[attendance@stbendic.bham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@stbendic.bham.sch.uk)

### **Governor Spot**

February is a time of preparation for Governors as they begin to prepare for the new school year. This will include budget plans and discussions about our building works. 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 more information.

### **Family Learning**

Thank you to all our Year 1 parents who attended the Aladdin "Talk for Writing" workshops. You were amazing and we look forward to the celebration event.

### **Spotlight on Reading**



We have lots of things happening with reading this half term! Firstly, thank you to all the parents who came to support our parent meetings on story time.

Sharing stories with your child is so important to the development of reading and we really do appreciate you taking the time to come and find out how to best support your child in their reading. Next week, Miss Whetton will run another parent meeting about phonics and we will offer valuable information on how children learn to read so do come along. Last term's book fair raised **£165** for the school to spend on books which is a welcome boost to our reading resources so a big 'thank you' to those parents who were able to buy books. Finally, a date for your diary: we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March when children will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character! We always look forward to seeing how imaginative children are with their dressing up ideas.