



## Issue 7



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Environment

St. Benedict's Eco Committee have been asking their friends, teachers and families to reduce the amount of single-use plastics they use as these are not good for the environment, often ending up in rivers and the sea. Plastics such as straws and wrapping on fruit and vegetables, which can only be used once, never rot away and so cause a long term problem.

The Eco Committee wanted to share their concerns with the most important person they could think of in the country - the Queen.....and the Queen wrote back to them to say she shares their concerns - WELL DONE ECO COMMITTEE! The Gardening Club have also been working hard and have just achieved their RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Level 5 Gardening Schools Award (the highest achievement possible with the RHS)! This fantastic achievement has led to the RHS working with our school on delivering outdoor education training to other schools. Well done Gardening Club on your outstanding hard work!

#### Governor Spot

It has been a term for Governors this year with budgets to approve and policies to review. Governors continue to support the Senior Leadership Team in all the work that they are currently having to do.

There is still a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor on our Governing Board and anyone interested should register with either Governors for Schools at

<https://www.governorsforschools.org.uk/register/or> Inspiring Governance at <https://www.inspiringgovernance.org/>.

#### Attendance

A reminder if your child will be absent from school you must call before 9.30am with a reason for the absence. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised mark. This year we have been running the Fast Track to Attendance Programme. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will be added to this programme. For further information on this process, please speak to our Pastoral Assistant or find more information on our school website:

<https://www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Attendance+%26amp%3B+Punctuality&pid=30>

#### **St. Benedict's - Attendance and Punctuality**

[www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk)

For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. At St. Benedict's Primary School, we consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all children.

## Nursery

This half term the children in Nursery will be learning letter sounds. Please help your child with the letter sounds s, a, t and i. You could talk about objects that begin with those letter sounds.

As it gets warmer, please remember to write your child's name and class in their coats and jumpers.

Please remember not to send your child in tights on Friday as this is our PE day.

## Spotlight on Reading



Your child will bring a reading book home once a week. Please share this book with your child and return their book on a weekly basis. It would be beneficial if you could discuss the text with your child: plot, character, the beginning and ending.

KS1 and KS2 please complete the Home Reading Record to tell your teacher how much you enjoyed the book.

Please remember the Swap Shops are available at the start and end of every day so do come along and pick out a book or two with your child. Reading a story with your child every day has such an enormous impact on their learning now and in the future. We hope you will spend ten minutes a day reading to your child to give them the very best support in their education.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back, relax and all you need is a book"  
- Dr Seuss. Let's help our children discover the magic.

## Reminders: -

- Beginners ESOL is every Tuesday 9.00am - 11.30am in the Community Room. Please see Mrs. Butler if you are interested or speak to the office staff.
- Parents who took part in the pottery workshop, please see Mrs. Butler in order to collect your completed lamp.
- Please could you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school with their name and class clearly labelled on the clothing?
- School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May as it is a Bank Holiday.
- School will be closed on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for elections.
- School will be closed from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May inclusive for Whitsun half term holiday.
- School will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for Teacher Training Day.
- School closes for the Summer Term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.