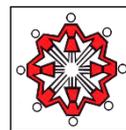


## Issue 5



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#### Environmental

This term our Eco Committee and Gardening Club have been working hard to prepare for our Eco Schools Green Flag renewal which will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. An Eco School's Assessor will be visiting our school to celebrate with us all the environmental work the children have been taking part in over the last two years. This will include a tour of the school to look at the new classrooms and see if we have incorporated any sustainable materials in the build, as well as looking at our small orchard and our vegetable growing areas. Our Eco Committee will be quizzed on sustainability and their knowledge of topics such as single-use plastics, climate change and biodiversity. If successful, this will be St. Benedict's sixth Green Flag and we will have held the flag for twelve consecutive years - this makes St. Benedict's the longest standing Green Flag School in the West Midlands!

#### Allergies

If your child has an allergy that affects them throughout the school day, it is essential that parents seek medical advice and inform the school.

#### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY THAT EFFECTS THEM IN SCHOOL?**

An allergy can only be diagnosed by a doctor. First, make an appointment to discuss concerns with your doctor who may refer to an allergy specialist at the hospital.

Once an allergy is properly diagnosed, parents will be given a letter and a copy should be given to school. We will then refer your child to the School Nursing Service who will liaise with other medical professionals as they will need an Individual Healthcare Plan to ensure that they receive the correct treatment if they suffer an allergic reaction in school. Please be reassured that all staff are trained to recognise signs of allergic reactions - both mild and severe and are able to administer prescribed medication and adrenalin via an epipen. If your child is currently on our Allergy Register, the office will soon be contacting you to review their Allergy Healthcare Plan.

## School Uniform

Last week, we sent a letter reminding parents of our school uniform policy.

**School uniform must be worn by all children.** Please refer to our school prospectus, which can be found on our website. Please can you also ensure that your child has a book bag?

All children must change their clothes for PE and this is a very important hygiene, health and safety issue. PE kit needs to be clearly labelled with the child's name, class and kept in school. We will send them home to be washed at the end of each term. Thank you for your support.

You can order our school uniform online from Brigade Clothing UK and have it delivered to your home address by visiting this website:

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/index.php>.

If you require any assistance in ordering school uniform online, please speak to the office staff.

## Parking Pledge

**School is launching the 'Parking Pledge'**

We are wishing to make the area around the school gate at pick up and drop off times much safer so we are asking if you would help us. Your child has brought a letter home detailing the Pledge.

**We are launching our 'Parking Pledge' with the main aim of keeping our children safe.**

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians and staff. With your support we can create a safer environment for our children with fewer cars on the road and by promoting considerate parking.

By making the pledge, your family will be supporting our commitment to reducing congestion around the school gates, improving road safety and to increase the number of children travelling actively and safely to school.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIGNED SLIP TO THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE YOUR PARKING PLEDGE STICKER.**

## Holiday Dates

**Half Term - school finishes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm and return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the usual time.**

**Easter Holiday - school will finish on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 12.45pm and return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time.**