



St. Benedict's Newsletter - 28th January 2016

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair has raised the magnificent amount of **£764.00** in free books for our school. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us in this worthwhile fair. This money will go towards purchasing books for our school library.



Attendance/Punctuality

Please make sure that you bring your child to school on time every day. We have noticed lately there are a few regular children who are persistently arriving late and teachers have expressed their concerns regarding their lateness and effect on their reading time.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

Can we also remind parents that it is imperative children are **not left in the playground?**

A responsible adult **MUST** accompany the child into the school building.

Year 2

Year 2 have continued their 'Really Wild' topic. They explored the work of the Artist David Filer and made animal sketches. In Science, they have been learning about living things and their habitats. In Maths, work has been based on missing number problems and fractions of objects and amounts. In English, children have been working on their own 'problem and resolution' stories based on 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

Year 1

The topic in Year 1 this term is 'I wish'. In English, the children have been learning about fantasy stories. Through 'Talk for Writing', children have learnt the story of Aladdin and will soon be writing their own fantasy stories. In Maths, the children have been looking at measuring weight and are currently doing lots of work on adding and subtracting. In topic, the children have been making lots of exciting things like cake pops, magic carpets and magic lamps. The children are really enjoying the topic and continue to work very hard.

Environmental Studies

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have all been learning about birds this month during their environmental sessions and at the end of January, the children will be taking part in 'The Big School Bird Watch'. This activity helps the RSPB to monitor bird species in our area. Parents, please encourage your children to put out bird seed in the garden and keep their eyes open for nesting in nearby trees.

Gardening club have been taking part in a growing experiment. Using different types of soil and plant food. The children hope to test which combination produces the biggest crop of carrots and cabbages! As well as this, they have been planting broad beans, garlic and chillies!



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Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning all about bears and reading the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have been doing lots of activities around the story including playing instruments and going on a barefoot walk!

Parent workshops are well underway and take place on a Wednesday. Thank you to all of the parents supporting them!

To help your child in Nursery, please encourage your child to put on their own shoes and socks when getting dressed, this will help them at PE times.

Reception

In Reception for the next term, we are looking at traditional tales and concentrating on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children will act out the story, learn phrases and be able to retell the main parts. They will be able to use describing words for the characters and have fun by making up good and bad characters. The children are enjoying reading a range of different stories!

Nursery Admissions – Sept 2016

If you have a child born between September 2012 and August 2013, they will be due to start Nursery in Sept. If you have not already applied, please complete an admission form from the school office. If you require help, please speak to the office staff.

Holidays

Half term holidays - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February (1 week)

Easter holidays - Monday 28th March to Friday 8th April (2 weeks)

Happy
Holidays!

