



St. Benedict's Newsletter - 29th February 2016

Governor's Spot

This month, we have completed Committee Meetings for Finance and Personnel and Curriculum and Standards. Governors have reviewed the most recent data from Raiseonline (Government Data) and have started the planning for the new financial year.

Recruitment: we still have vacancies for one Parent and one Co-opted Governor. If you are interested, please go the school office for further information.

Clothes Recycling

Reminder to all parents that we do have a clothes recycling bin in the front entrance hall by the school office. Please put all clean undamaged clothing in there to help raise money for the school and your children. Any questions, please go to the office.

Year 2

This month in English we are learning the story of 'The Big Bad Pig and the Three Little Wolves'.

In Maths, we are looking at word problems and developing different strategies to help us to solve them.

In our Topic lessons we are continuing our 'Really Wild' topic and have a trip to Ash End House Farm on March the 4th.

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 will be learning all about castles. We will use the visit to Warwick Castle to support the children's learning to help them learn lots of fun and interesting facts about castles.

Year 1 are also very busy learning and practising all of the new songs for this year's Spring Concert and we look forward to performing them to you at the end of this term!

Environmental Studies

Now that spring is just around the corner, the Gardening Club have been digging over the gardens ready for planting to begin. This half term, we will be planting a variety of vegetables including peas, beans, onions, carrots, cabbage and broccoli. As well as this, we will be saving old potatoes to use as seed in order to grow new potatoes - so if you have any unwanted potatoes, please bring them in!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have taken part in the 'Big School Bird Watch' with the RSPB. The children have been very busy feeding, spotting and identifying birds in our school garden. We have spotted magpies, pigeons, crows and a robin!

Green 5 have also begun their work with the Wonderland Trust and Yorkshire Tea on the importance of trees and have sent letters to our partner school in Kenya who are also learning why trees are important to them. Green 5 and the Kenyan school will exchange letters and project work throughout the rest of the school year.

Nursery

In Nursery we are learning all about animals.

We are reading "Dear Zoo" and have been learning about the animals in the story. We will be inviting parents in to share the story.

You can help your child by talking about different animals, what do they look like? Where do they live? Do you like them?

Keep practising with your counting up to 10 using objects, writing names and doing up their their coats by themselves.

Reception

This half term in Reception, we will be learning the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and thinking about how characters can defeat a monster. We will be looking at houses and how they are built, what features they have and what we can find inside them. We will also be having fun with investigations about what materials would be best to make a house.

Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays from Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April

Happy Easter!

