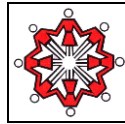


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St. Benedict's Newsletter - 22nd March 2016

Attendance

Please make sure that you bring your child to school on time every day. Our doors open at 8.35am and children should be in their classroom by 8.45am. Lately, we have had children who are persistently arriving late. This can be disruptive for the class and also children are losing valuable reading times.

May we also remind you that if your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by 10.00am to inform us of your child's absence? Your support is much appreciated.



Nursery Admission

If you have a child that was born between 01.09.2012 - 31.08.2013 they will be due to start Nursery in September. We still have Nursery places available and admission forms can be collected from the school office. If you require help, please speak to the office staff who will be more than happy to assist.

Year 2

In English, we have been writing our own 'defeating the monster' stories based around the story of the 'Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig'.

In Maths, we have been solving number problems using our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In topic, the children have been learning about plants. They have explored plant life cycles and what plants need to grow.

Year 1

Although this half term has been very short, Year 1 have been very busy! We had a fantastic day at Warwick Castle and have learnt lots about castles in our topic.

In English, the children have learnt the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have been writing their own voyage and return stories. The children had a really fun day dressed as their favourite book characters on World Book Day and the children really enjoyed reading with their parents. After lots of hard work and practice, we are nearly ready for our Spring Concert and would like to invite you to come and watch our performance at 1.30pm on Wednesday 23rd March.

Environmental Studies

St. Benedict's has been selected to receive some rocket seeds which have been taken into space with the astronaut Tim Peake and then returned to Russia recently on a space shuttle. This is a gardening experiment to see if space travel has an impact on seed growth. We will receive the seeds after Easter and the children in Gardening Club will be asked to plant and grow the rocket and provide NASA with our results! As well as this, we have teamed up with the British Leek Growers Association who are going to provide the school with everything we need (including advice) on how to grow the best leeks. St. Benedict's children will produce reports and photos to send to the Association and to promote the gardening we do here.

The children have a very busy time ahead with lots of planting, digging and experiments going on in the garden. Their hard work is really putting St. Benedict's on the map in terms of the growing we do.....and their efforts are even reaching space!!

Nursery

In Nursery we will be thinking about people who help us, people like doctors, nurses and firefighters. We will be learning about how they help us and thinking about how we would like to help people when we get older.

Ask your child about what they would like to be when they grow up - what are their dreams?

Please keep practising name writing with your child and practise finding shapes in and around the home. The children have been learning square, rectangle, triangle and circles.

Have a lovely Easter break!

Reception

Next term in Reception, we will be looking at the story Elmer, which will be looking at different animals. This will lead up to the Dudley Zoo trip on 18th May. We will be talking about pattern, colour and counting in two's around the theme and enjoy finding out new facts about animals we did not know!

Governor Spot

This month has been busy for Governors as all Committees have met and also the Full Governing Board. There has been lots to do with regards to Finance including the setting of the 2016/2017 budget. Being a Governor is very rewarding and we would welcome new members openly.

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

Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays from Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April. School will finish at **12.45pm on Thursday 24th March**. There will be no afternoon Nursery on that day.

