



St. Benedict's Newsletter - 29th June 2016

Climbing Frame - Fundraising

We have just reached a first step of £1.000. Thank you to all of you who have supported us so far. We will be doing lots more in September to meet that target of £9.000.

Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property which has not been collected. Any clothing not claimed will be donated to the local charity at the end of this term. Please label your child's uniform with their name and class - this will help us reunite them with their owner!

St. Ben's Gardening Club

As you know, St. Benedict's Gardening Club made it to the final of the RHS Gardening Team of the Year Award. We came a fantastic second and have been awarded lots of prizes including gardening tools, gardening vouchers, a cold frame, trowels, gardening gloves and much more! The judges have also asked to work with our school to make a series of gardening diary films, focusing on what is growing in our school garden throughout the year. This is all down to the children's hard work and we should all be very proud of them.....after all, coming second in the whole of the UK is pretty amazing!

We have also been awarded a cheque from Asda towards our gardening activities. This again, is due to the commitment and enthusiasm your children show for their school garden. Well done everyone!

Finally, to top everything off this year, we have been awarded the Bronze and Silver RSPB Action Awards and the Woodland Trust Gold Award. These awards recognised all the environmental activities and gardening your children take part in within school. We hope to achieve the RSPB Gold and the Woodland Trust Platinum Award before the end of the year.

Summer Holidays

School closes at 1.00pm on Friday 22nd July and will re-open on Wednesday 7th September at 8.45am.



Nursery Admission

If you have a child born between 01.09.2012 - 31.08.2013, they will be due to start Nursery in September. We still have spaces available, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to assist with the relevant admission form.

Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Please talk to your child about the story, who is their favourite character? What happens in the story? The children had great fun on sports day and enjoyed trying different activities. We are coming to the end of our year in Nursery and to celebrate, we will be having an end of year graduation on Monday 11th July. The children will be singing special songs for you and there will be drinks and cakes available afterwards. We look forward to seeing you all!

Reception

Our last half term is here already! What a busy year we have had! Thank you to all the parents that came on our trip to the Eco Park to look for mini beasts, as well as your continued support with Den Day and the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. We are all trying hard with our reading in Reception. Another big 'thank you' to parents who are keeping up with word boxes and bringing back their books regularly. Our children are starting to have fun with the story 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing', role playing and listing all the characters and will soon be changing the story. We also had fun with crickets and grasshoppers in the department, so the children are very excited about their learning and the topic.

Year One

We are now into our last half term in Year One and the children continue to work very hard. In our topic 'really wild', the children have been learning about plants and have had the opportunity to grow their own cress and sunflowers. In English, we have been using 'Talk for Writing' to learn the story 'Where the Wild Things are' and the children will be writing their own version of the story next week. During the week beginning the 11th July, the children will be going on a trip to Conkers where they will be learning about plants and animals. Could you please remember to pay your child's trip money as soon as possible? Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Year Two

This month, Year Two have been celebrating 'Health Week' with activities exploring healthy eating, healthy living and exercise. In Maths, the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and exploring capacity and volume. In English, we have been learning the story of 'Cinderella' and creating our own versions of this traditional tale.