



St. Benedict's Newsletter - 21st July 2016

Farewell

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Good Bye!

The end of term is always a bag of mixed emotions. However, this summer there is sadness as we wave goodbye to three members of our teaching team. Mrs Oliver and Mrs. Tullet from Year Two and Mrs. Jonker from Reception are all moving onto new adventures at other schools. We would like to wish them the very best of luck in their new positions and say a massive 'thank you' for everything they have contributed to school in the time they have been here. We will miss you!

Environmental Update

St. Benedict's have had a fantastically successful year in regards to our environmental activities and achievements. As well as the amazing achievement of being a finalist in the RHS School Gardening Team of the Year, the gardening club have also helped us to achieve our Platinum Woodland Trust Award (the highest level possible for caring for the environment) and our bronze, silver and gold RSPB Action Awards!! All year, the children have been busy sowing seeds, watering plants, harvesting fruit and vegetables and caring for wildlife in the garden. Their hard work has been recognised nationally and awarded greatly this year - well done everyone!!

Nursery

We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of our Nursery children this year. They have been wonderful and a pleasure to teach!

Nursery staff would like to wish them lots of luck in Reception and we look forward to seeing them in September. Have a great summer!

Reception

Thank you to all our parents for a very successful and wonderful year. Thank you to every parent that has helped by bringing in school fund, the donations for our special days and the beautiful contributions of flowers that are still in bloom in the enclosed playground. The children have been sharing what they have enjoyed the most in the real life experiences such as our Wonderland and Dudley Zoo trips, shopping in Asda and Planetarium have all ranked high. Once again, thank you for all your kindness and support this year.

Admissions

We still have spaces in our Nursery, Reception and Year One for September. If you know of anyone requiring a school place, please contact the office who will be happy to assist.

Family Learning - message from Syra Butler

A big 'thank you' to all our families that attended Keeping up with the Children, literacy, numeracy and Nursery workshops.

The feedback from adults and children was very positive. A special 'thank you' to our school council children for being involved with supporting the school.

Year One

Last week, Year One had a fantastic time at Conkers. We made pictures out of natural materials, got lost in the maze, played in the adventure playground and we even braved the barefoot walk! As we are coming to the end of the year, the staff would like to thank the children for their hard work and we would also like to thank the parents for your kind support. It has been a wonderful year and we wish you all a brilliant summer holiday!!

Year Two

We have had a brilliant year in Year Two! The children visited Ashend House Farm and the National Space Centre in Leicester. We had theme days for Black History Month and the Queen's birthday. In addition, the children enjoyed a visit from the Animal Lady. We've covered exciting topics including Monsters, Journeys and 'Fire and Ice'. Finally, we rounded the year off with an amazing musical performance of the Eurovision Song Contest for our leaver's assembly.

Summer Holidays

School will close on Friday 22nd July at 1.00pm and re-open on Wednesday 7th September at 8.35am. We wish all our parents a very safe and peaceful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September for another fantastic year at St. Benedict's.

Head teacher's Message

As we draw near to the holiday, I wanted to extend my thanks to you all for the support you have given us this year. We were devastated by the loss of Mrs. Sood, but we will always be grateful for the support and compassion you extended to us at that difficult time.

We are incredibly proud of our children - good luck to all of Year Two moving on and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

With very best wishes - Armine Williams