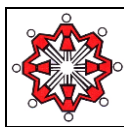


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Family Learning

The school has applied to renew the Leading Parents Partnership Award (LPPA) to celebrate all the wonderful family learning that takes place at St. Benedict's Infant School. We have lots of opportunities to work with parents during the school year including ESOL classes, 'knit and natter', curriculum meetings (phonics, reading, Maths, PATHS and SATs), induction meetings, health workshops with the nurse, the Community Day and the ongoing workshops provided by Mrs. Butler. If you want to be involved with the parent workshops, please come into school and have a chat with Mrs. Butler. If you can think of more ideas on how the school can support you as a parent then please let us know and all reasonable suggestions will be considered.

School Website

The school has a fantastic website where you can find out lots of information on what is going on at St. Benedict's. The website address is www.stbenedic.bham.sch.uk. Take a look around the website and let us know what you think!

School Uniform

Parents, please support us in ensuring that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name and class so that we can return mislaid clothing to its rightful owner. Now that the cold weather is upon us, please ensure children are wearing warm coats, hats and sensible shoes as we have outdoor play every day! Encourage your child to put their own coat on and to close the zip.

Environmental

This month, we have been busy planting garlic, onions, broad beans and chillies in the hope of a bumper crop in the spring! Everything we are currently growing will be on sale once it is ready to harvest. As well as this, we have also been attempting to grow passion fruit, mango and orange this year in the greenhouse!

Christmas Holidays

School will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 16th December and re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2017. There will be no afternoon Nursery on Friday 16th December.

Nursery

The children have really enjoyed learning 'The Enormous Turnip' and inventing new stories. At home, please encourage your child to make up new stories and tell them to you.

We will be learning all about Christmas in the next few weeks, please talk to your child about Christmas and winter – what can they see, hear and feel?

The 'Swop Shop' is now open for you to change books as often as you like.

Children in Nursery are practising for the Nativity and will send an invitation to come and watch us very soon!

Reception

Reception have been busy learning lots of facts about space and we had a fantastic time when the Space Dome came. The children had fun making rockets, flying saucers and aliens. Thank you for all the lovely pictures you have helped your child with at home. The children have been really excited to show them to everyone and proud to display them in the corridors.

Year One

Year One are having lots of fun with their topic 'Under the Sea' writing about sea monsters, pirates and finding out about ships they sailed. Children are learning number bonds up to ten. Parents, please ask your child about the pairs that go together to make a number! Spelling tests are usually on a Monday, please remember homework folders and bring book bags every day.

Thank you for your support this half term.

Year Two

Our topic this half term is 'Fire and Ice'. The children thoroughly enjoyed an interactive session where they learnt about 'The Great Fire of London'. Ask your child, can they tell you the story they learnt?

In Maths, we are currently learning about multiplication and division. The children are learning the skills to carry out the operations and then will be applying these into problems.

In English, Year Two have begun adapting the original story of 'George and the Dragon', can they tell you what aspects they have changed?

Community Room

- First Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 7th December from 1.45pm - 2.30pm. Please join, everyone welcome!
- First Aid workshops will now take place next year.
- Play and Language workshop for Nursery will be starting soon.
- New to the school family sessions will take place weekly.