



Issue 6



St. Benedict's Newsletter 31st March 2017

Term Time Holidays

Please remember that leave in term time will only be authorised in extreme circumstances. Any parent considering taking their child away needs to complete a request form at least two weeks in advance.

FOUR PARENTS HAVE RECEIVED PENALTY NOTICES AND FINES FOR TAKING UNAUTHORISED LEAVE THIS TERM.

Don't let it be you - every day in school is important for your child.

Governor's Spot - March 2017

It has been relatively quiet in March for the School Governor Board. The time has been used to undertake training and development to assist the Governors in their ability to support the school. Governors are there to provide strategic support to the school Leadership Team and training helps them to do this.

We are always looking for experienced people to join the Governing Board. If you would like further information, please ask at the school office.

Environmental

Last month, we told you that the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) have chosen St. Benedict's to go forward to the next stage of an European competition, which celebrates schools who work hard to protect their environment and encourage wildlife into the school gardens.

Thanks to your children's hard work growing fruit and vegetables and taking great care of the garden, we have been selected as one of the winners and will receive some funding to help us to continue to support your children in learning about the environment!! This is a huge achievement and St. Benedict's are one of only two British entries to have been selected as winners this year! Our gardening achievements are being recognised across the world!!

Next Month, we have our Eco Schools Green Flag re-assessment, please help us to keep the school litter free by taking rubbish home or using the bins around school. This will help us to pass our assessment.

Reminders

- Reception trip to Telford Wonderland on Monday 3rd April.
- St. Benedict's annual Community Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 5th April from 1.00pm - 2.30pm in the main school hall - everyone welcome!!
- School closes at **1.00pm** on Friday 7th April and will re-open on Monday 24th April at 8.35am. There will be no afternoon Nursery on Friday 7th April.

Nursery

Our topic for summer term is 'minibeasts'. Please help your child to learn the names of different types of insects and discuss life cycles such as the changes that occur from a tadpole to a frog and a caterpillar to a butterfly.

We will be making junk model minibeasts as part of our topic work. Please can you bring in used food boxes, kitchen rolls and cereal boxes for the children to make their models?

The animal man will be visiting the Nursery children on Friday when he will be bringing a variety of animals along to show the children such as snakes, spiders and lizards.

Please encourage your child to take off and put on their shoes, socks and jumpers by themselves. This will help all children to be more independent during PE lessons. Parents, thank you for your support.

Reception

Thank you for attending our Reception workshops. The children have really enjoyed sharing their activities with you and I am sure you will agree that they have been working hard in the classrooms.

The children have had fun making houses and buildings in different ways. They have been naming and talking about 3D shapes. Children in Reception have learnt the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and then changed it into a monster story, which they are now writing!

We can't wait to go on our trip to Telford Wonderland - a perfect ending to our traditional tales topic!

Year One

Spring has sprung! We have been talking about the seasons and changes in our topic work, thinking about what we can see outside now as well as over a year. We have been talking about halves and quarters of numbers and shapes in Maths. The children are getting ready to recount about our visit to Eco Park. Don't forget in the last week, we will be doing our Spring Concert for Year One parents on Thursday 6th April. The children are really enjoying their singing and acting! Please remember to pay £1.50 for the Animal Man. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Year Two

This half term, we have been preparing for our visit to Hoo Farm. We have been learning about animals and their habitats. On arrival from Hoo Farm we have begun learning how to write an interesting recount about our day at the farm. Children, can you tell your parents what interesting sentence starters we have been using? In Maths, children have been learning about fractions and are also continuing to learn how to solve addition and subtraction problems using a blank number line. Can you please make sure children are continuing to complete homework and to practice spellings weekly? Well done for all your hard work this half term!