



Issue 7



St. Benedict's Newsletter 25th May 2017

Governor's Spot - May 2017

There have been a lot of meetings over the past few weeks and Governors have made some important decisions. They have agreed the school budget for this year, recognising how difficult it is for the school with big funding cuts. If you would like to join them in supporting the school, please register your details at <http://www.inspiringthefuture.org/volunteers/>

Clothes Recycling

Please remember that as your children grow out of their clothes, that they can be recycled in school. Your clothes go on to help other children and raise money for school. The clothes recycling box is located in the front entrance hall by the school office.

Environmental

This half term we have been extremely busy sowing, growing and caring for the fruit and vegetables in our school garden. The Gardening Club, along with other children, have been busy planting a variety of seeds including peas, beans, onions, garlic, tomatoes, chilli and coriander as well as many more! Some of these are now almost flowering - a sign they will produce a crop soon!

Once our tomatoes, chilli and peppers are flowering, we will be selling the plants at the main office for really reasonable prices. Later in the year, we hope to be able to sell more produce including coriander, onions and much more - watch this space for further details or ask the office staff.

Lost Property

Once again, we have lots of mislaid coats which have not been collected from the lost property basket in the main foyer. Parents, please label your children's uniform with their name and class as this will help us to return any mislaid clothing back to its rightful owner!

Half Term Holiday

School will finish on Friday 26th May at the normal time and will re-open on Monday 5th June. Wishing all our parents and carers a restful break! School will also be closed to children on Thursday 8th June for General Election. We would like to wish all of our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak.

Nursery

Our topic for summer 2 is 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Please help your child to learn the names of different farm animals and their babies. Explore structures such as bridges and talk about size.

The children have been learning the names and sounds of the letters s, a and t. Please help your child to practise these letters at home. Ask your child to think of words that start with these letters by playing games like 'Eye Spy'.

As the weather gets warmer, please send your child to school with a cap or sun hat and remember to apply sun cream to protect them from the sun.

Going home books are changed every Friday, please bring your child's book to Nursery on this day to be changed. Your support is much appreciated.

Reception

Reception started off their minibeasts topic with a trip to the Eco Park to hunt for minibeasts. The children had a lovely time finding and identifying lots of different minibeasts. In our classrooms, we have been busy making, painting and learning more about these little animals. The children were very excited to observe the minibeasts in the classroom and are now waiting to see what happens to our tiny caterpillars!

Year One

This half term, Year One have been looking at a 'Defeating the Monster' story and have been retelling the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The visit by the animal man has really helped us to think about our topic of 'Into the Wild' and we have been sorting, classifying and grouping animals as well as discussing what a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore is. Come and see our lovely animal artwork in our classrooms! We are getting to know our number bonds to 10 and 20 quite well, but parents, please help us practise these important skills so your child knows them off by heart. Thank you for your continued support.

Year Two

This half term our topic is 'It's a Wonderful World'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about human and animal life cycles. As part of our topic, we will also be learning about plants, how they grow and what conditions plants need to grow.

In English, we have been learning and adapting the story 'Lost and Found'. We will also be learning about the skills needed to write a set of instructions to trap a penguin.

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time and have also begun to learn about capacity.

All of the staff in Year Two would like to say a big 'well done' to the children for working hard to complete their SATS tests over the past two weeks.