



## Issue 8



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### School Plans

Thank you for all your comments about our future plans. It would really help us to secure the changes if you complete the consultation on [www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/). The consultation is titled 'In Year Variation St. Benedict's Infant School' and it closes on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please let your thoughts and comments count!

#### Parking

We have seen an increase in the number of people parking irresponsibly outside the school. Can we remind you that it is illegal to park in the yellow zigzags? Parents should walk to school wherever possible and if you have to drive, please park sensibly in available spaces.

#### Clothes Recycling

We have had lots of donations made to the clothes recycling and we welcome any more you may have. All clothes, accessories or toys that are donated help raise money for school fund. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Environmental

This month, we have been working very hard to prepare for our Eco Schools Green Flag re-assessment. The children on our Eco Committee have been making sure the grounds are spotless and that their knowledge on environment is brilliant. After a thorough inspection last week, we passed and the children achieved another green flag for our school. This means we will have held the green flag for ten years at our next renewal - the longest standing green flag school in Birmingham!

As well as this, we have just been awarded a Community Education Award for Green Awareness, thanks to our Gardening Club and our Eco Committee. This award recognises the effort our school makes to teach our children about wildlife and the outdoors, as well as the children's commitment to caring for the nature. 780 schools entered this award and we won - well done everyone!

#### Admissions

If you have a child born between 01.09.2012- 31.08.2013 they will be due to start Reception class in September. If you have NOT completed the relevant form and returned to Admissions, please speak to the office who will assist in submitting the form to Admissions office.

## Nursery

Its summertime in Nursery and our new topic is 'The Seaside'. We have lots of exciting activities going on. Please remember to pay £2 to your child's teacher for our beach day on 10<sup>th</sup> July. As the children are preparing to move on to Reception, we will be holding a graduation ceremony on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July that parents will be invited along to, please come along. We will miss all the children in Nursery but what a fun year we have had!

## Reception

This half term, we are learning all about wild animals. We had a fantastic performance of the story 'Elmer' by Riverside Performing Arts. The children were fascinated watching the actors tell the story. The performance will help them to write a super story themselves and talk about lots of different animals. It also showed us that we are all different and should be proud of our own skills and talent.

Reception will be having a seaside day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July and we will have lots of fun activities. The children can wear their beach clothes and have a picnic lunch.

## Year One

What a wonderful half term we are having! We are enjoying retelling and knowing the story of 'Where the Wild Things' Are' by Maurice Sendek, so we can change it to invent our own story about going on a journey choosing our own character and setting. We have been recognising coins and using money, so please help us to practise using it at home and in shops! The children are also concentrating on knowing their number bonds to 10 and 20. Parents, thank you for your support.

## Year Two

For the rest of the term, Year 2 will be continuing with their topic of 'It's a Wonderful World'. We are learning about animals, plants and humans. The children will be given the opportunity to spend the day at Eco Park where they will be able to explore the outdoors,

In English, we are learning the story 'Cinderella' and have begun to think about ways that we can change the characters and plot. We will also be completing some poetry and writing a letter of persuasion.

In Maths, we will be securing our knowledge of subtraction, time and division. As the year draws to an end, we will begin preparing for our end of year celebrations which includes a graduation and a prom. All the staff in Year 2 would like to say a big 'thank you' to the children for all their hard work.