



# ST. BENEDICT'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new term. Thank you very much to all of you for sending your children in looking so smart and ready to learn this week. We have had many positive comments from visitors and members of the community, complimenting the children.

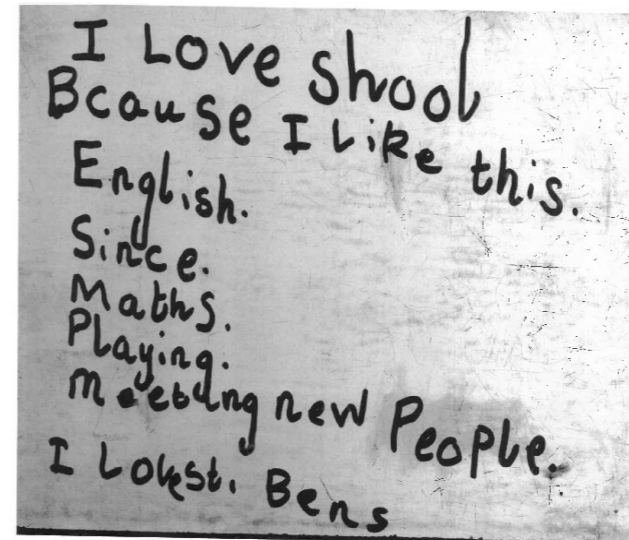
Many thanks also to our staff, who have spent considerable amounts of time in school before the start of term, preparing classrooms and resources.

The children have made an excellent start to their learning and the term has got off to a very positive start. We offer a special welcome to our new Reception children, Jakub, Joey, Szymon, Freya, Wiatr, Imogen and Effie, who have taken part confidently in school life so far and have come in smiling each day. In addition we welcome Mr Jacobs, Mr Hale, Miss Carter, Mrs Seavers and Miss Schofield to our staff. We are delighted to have them all as part of our St. Benedict's family.

There will be lots of information coming your way over the next few weeks, but if there is anything that is not clear or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher, myself or Mrs Souter.

God bless,

Mrs Barrs



## **Stars of the week !**



This week's stars are :

**Class 1 :** All of our Reception pupils get stars this week for settling into school life really well.

**Class 2 :** Lexi for being really helpful in class and Matilda for creative writing.

**Class 3 :** Dan for his excellent attitude to work and Arthur for his good behaviour and being ready for learning.

**Class 4 :** Taggie for working hard, despite finding it difficult and Margaret for being helpful to Mr Hale and Mrs Seavers,

## **Lunch time Stars of the week**

This week's lunchtime stars are:

**EYFS/KS1**—All our new starters for settling in really well.

**KS2**—Maia for her lovely behaviour in the dining hall.



### Welcome Mass

You are warmly invited to attend our first school mass of the year, our Welcome Mass on Wednesday 13 September. Mass will be held in school at 11am and we would love to see you.

Refreshments will be on offer after Mass with an opportunity to say hello to staff. Please do join us if you can.

### New offices

Over the summer holidays, both the Admin and Head's offices were renovated, and you will notice that they have been "swapped over".

The new arrangement will enable confidential and safeguarding meetings to take place in an appropriate environment, and ensure that signing in to the building takes place in the entrance foyer, before visitors enter the school.

### Open Afternoon

We plan to hold a whole school open afternoon on Thursday 19 October at 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to share the exciting new things that are taking place in school, and talk informally with staff.

However, please do not feel you have to wait until this date to pop in and have a look or a chat. You are very welcome to come in and see us!

### Healthy Eating

Please support our healthy eating initiative in school by sending your child in with a healthy snack each day. We encourage healthy eating, and treats in moderation (of course we understand that there are celebrations which may involve an occasional treat).

### Message from Mrs Sprakes (Cook)

There are a lot of new dishes on the menu this term, if it is obvious that the children don't like certain dishes the menu may be varied slightly.

"A Healthy Meal' is not one which ends up in the bin!"

### After school clubs

You will find attached a copy of all the after school clubs on offer this term, with the opportunity to sign up your child for any clubs they are interested in.

For this half term they are mainly aimed at KS2, however as the year progresses we will introduce further clubs open to KS1.

### Lunchtime Clubs

We are also planning to introduce a book club and gardening club—further details will be added to the website.



### Can you help?

Class 1 would like some small off-cuts of clean timber for their work bench, please see Miss Carter or Mrs O'Gorman for details.

### School curriculum

An overview of planning will be available on the website next week—with detailed information to follow in due course.

### Class 2 - note from Miss Smith

Please could you ensure all pupils have a full PE kit, drinking bottle and a pair of wellies in school every day.

We are looking for volunteers to come into school to listen to the children read on an afternoon. Please contact Miss Smith for further information. (DBS clearance will be required).

### Swimming—Classes 3 and 4

Pupils in Classes 3 and 4 will go swimming fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. There is a timetable on the Class pages of the school website. Please ensure they bring in their swimming kit into school.

We ask parents to contribute £10 per term/£30 for the full year toward the cost of lessons and transport. This should be paid via Parentpay.

### School Photos

The photographer will be in school on Friday 15 September to take individual/family group photos. Younger/older siblings can have their photo taken between 8.30 am and 9.00 am

### Future Events / Dates—Please check App & Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
Wed 13 September	11.00 am	Welcome Mass in School—everyone welcome
Thu 14 September	1.30 pm	Class 4 start Super Schools Challenge training sessions (6 weeks)
Fri 15 September	8.30 am	Richard of Impression—Individual/family group photos.
Tue 26 September	6.00 pm	Year 6—Ryedale School Presentation evening at St Hilda's school
Thu 28 September	tbc	Class 4—Lynx Theatre—Play in a Day—details to follow
Fri 6 October	2.30 pm	Harvest Celebration in School for Mary's Meals
Thu 19 October	2.30 pm	Open Afternoon
Fri 20 October	3.30 pm	Finish for Half Term
Fri 20 October	6.00 pm	Super Schools Challenge Finals at St Alban's Centre—details to follow