



St. Benedict's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

29 September 2017

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2018

If you have a child (born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014) you will need to apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception in September 2018.

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2018, please see the attached letter for further information.

We would also request that you complete a St Benedict's application form, (available from the school office) if you have not already done so, to ensure we can keep you informed as to what is happening in school.

Harvest Celebration—fundraising

Class 1 (Reception) will be organising and selling cakes at break time on Wednesday 4 October. Please send a maximum of £1 per child. There may also be the opportunity for parents to buy cakes at the end of the day, if there are any left over.

Donations of cakes, buns and biscuits would be very much appreciated and all money raised will go to Mary's Meals.

The whole school will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 6 October with children encouraged to wear bright colours. Suggested donation £1.00.

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 2 October	3.50-7.00 pm	Parents Evening—confirmation of your appointment time will be sent home today
Tues 3 October	3.50-5.00 pm	Parents Evening—confirmation of your appointment time will be sent home today
Tues 3 October	7.00—9.00 pm	Year 6—All Saints, York—Open Evening
Wed 4 October	10.30 am & 3.30pm	Class 1 cake sale—Please send in donations of cakes, buns and biscuits, proceeds to Mary's Meals
Fri 6 October		Non uniform day for Mary's Meals—£1 donation.
Fri 6 October	2.30 pm	Harvest Celebration in School for Mary's Meals
Fri 13 October		Final day for ordering school photo's via school.
Thu 19 October	2.15 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
Mon 30 October	All day	School closed—Staff training
Tues 31 October	8.55 am	School re-opens
Mon 27 Nov	am	NHS flu vaccination programme—Years R—4

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to walk through school this week and experience all the different forms of teaching and learning taking place. The children are settling into the term very well and I have been proud to show round visitors. Congratulations to Class 4 on their outstanding performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', as part of 'Play in a Day'. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching them, and it was clear they enjoyed the experienced.

Attached is a letter about our Harvest celebration on Friday, 6 October at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us. Please also keep in the forefront of your diaries our Open Afternoon, which will take place on Thursday, 19 October. We are very excited at the prospect of welcoming you all in to see and celebrate the progress that has been made in school.


As always, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to either your child's teacher or myself. We look forward to seeing you next week at parents evening.

God bless,

Mrs Barrs

Stars of the week !

This week's stars are :

Class 1 : Freya for working really hard with her phonics this week. 

Class 2 : Hannah for her re-telling of the 'Handa's Surprise' story and Francesca for an excellent story map she completed at home.

Class 3 : Tristan for participation in class discussions and good ideas in RE and Barney for the effort he applies to all learning and always producing his best.

Class 4 : Gabriel D for great acting for 'Play in a Day' session and Bronwen for 'Play in a Day' and the Laudato Si book she compiled at home.

Also a big WELL DONE to all the pupils who received certificates from Helmsley Library for completing the 'Summer Reading Challenge'.

Lunchtime supervision

We have some changes in staffing at lunchtime in school. Mrs Humphrey has left St Benedict's and we have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Humphrey for the hard work she has done for the school and wish her well for the future.

Reward system

We have been working together with the children to establish the best possible behaviour for learning in school. To motivate the children we are trialling a new system called "Class Dojo".

Further details will be announced next week.

Lunch time Stars of the week

This week's lunchtime stars are:

EYFS/KS1—Joey for trying really 

KS2— Gabriel for helpful serving and improved behaviour and all Yr3 & 4 pupils for improved behaviour.