



St Benedict's RC Primary School

Newsletter

3 November 2017

Poppies and Remembrance service

To support the Royal British Legion, we will be selling poppies in school from Mon 6th November. If your child would like one, please send them in with a donation. We will be celebrating our annual Remembrance service in the village on Friday 10th November and would like all the children to wear a poppy. Please do join us as we begin in the church of Our Lady and St. Benedict, and then process in silence to the church of St. Hilda, to hear the names of the war dead and the Last Post. The service will begin at 10.15am.

Super schools

Huge congratulations to our four competitors: Ruby Thompson, Naomi Venable, Ollie Thompson and Finley Thompson, who represented our school in the Super Schools challenge on the Friday evening that we finished for half term. Unfortunately we were two competitors short that evening, but our four sporting super stars did not let this deter them and substituted themselves in to cover the extra events. Congratulations to them for their team spirit, positivity and determination. They were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done!

St Benedict's Society—Cake Stall

Thank you to all those who supported the cake stall at the end of last term. We raised a total of £55.31 for school funds.

Head Lice

Just a reminder, can you please check and, if necessary treat your child/ren for head lice on a regular basis.—thank you.

STAY AND PLAY DATES

Miss Carter and Mrs O' Gorman were pleased to welcome some new faces this week to join in with stay and play dates for new Reception children. There are three remaining dates ahead:

- **Thursday 9 November 9:30 - 10:30 am**
- **Thursday 16 November 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- **Thursday 23 November 9:30 - 10:30 am**



Please come and join us if you have a child who you would like to come to St Benedict's in September 2018.

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

Date	Time	Event
Fri 10 Nov	10.15 am	Remembrance Service
Fri 17 Nov	1.30—3.00 pm	Yr 5/6 Basketball tournament
Fri 24 Nov	1.30-3.00	Yr 3/4 Dodgeball
Mon 27 Nov	am	NHS flu vaccination programme - Years R-Y4
Tues 12 Dec	pm/evening	KS1 Nativity
Fri 15 Dec	pm	Pantomime—York
Mon 18 Dec	pm	Christmas Party afternoon
Thurs 21 Dec	tbc	Carols around the tree in school—all welcome
Fri 22 Dec	3.30 pm	Break for Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back after the half term break.

The children have settled back in well and we were very proud of them in Mass this Wednesday, when we celebrated the feast of All Saints. Parishioners commented on how smart and well behaved they were. Thank you to all those who took part in welcoming, reading, singing, music and bringing up the gifts.

Staff have had a busy first week back, including two twilight sessions of First Aid training until 7pm. Thank you to them for giving up their time in addition to other training courses this week.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

God bless,

Mrs Barrs

Stars of the week!



Class 1: Imogen for showing great enthusiasm during our RE lesson on baptism

Class 2: Theo for his amazing maths

Elijah for his super reading

Class 3: Oliver for his really in-depth thoughts, showing deeper understanding

Alfie for being an absolute superstar in Maths

Class 4: Charlie for working really hard in Maths

COCO for answering lots of questions to help her understanding

Attendance

A polite reminder that unless there are exceptional circumstances, please do not take your child out of school during term time, as this can have an adverse effect on their progress. If there is a need for absence, please contact me as early as possible (the requirement from the local authority is 6 weeks in advance) and there is a need to complete a written request form. Thank you.

After school clubs

For safeguarding reasons, we have implemented a new procedure for the end of after school club activities. The gate will be locked, so please collect your child from the main entrance. The person in charge of the club will bring all the children up to the main door and ensure that they go home with the right person. Some of our providers go on to provide a club elsewhere after they have been with us, so prompt pick up is greatly appreciated.

Also, can you please ensure you pay promptly for the afterschool clubs—Gabby handed out letters this week with details of this term's fees and the football club fees accompany this newsletter.