



St Benedict's RC Primary School

Newsletter

1 December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for bearing with us during the bad weather this week. We will do our very best to keep you informed, especially over the next few weeks, until we close for the Christmas holidays. I have included the procedure for notifying you of school closures in the newsletter.

Thankfully the weather did not spoil the Key Stage 2 Forest School day on Tuesday. The children (and staff!) had a wonderful day. Please have a look at the school website to see photographs of the many activities enjoyed by the children. Thank you to all of our staff for organising such a motivating day.

This weekend (Sunday 3 December, 11.00am -3.00pm) **St Benedict's Society (PTFA) Christmas fair** takes place in the parish hall of Our Lady and St Benedict. Please do come along and support the team in raising vital funds for all our pupils.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please see either your child's class teacher or myself. Have a lovely first weekend of Advent.

God bless,
Mrs Barrs

Stars of the week!

Class 1: Szymon for fantastic effort in maths whilst exploring the numicon

Class 2: Kaitlynn for super hard work in RE

Amelia for her super improvement in handwriting

Class 3: Dan for his confidence and enthusiasm on our forest schools day

Bertie for maintaining a big smile when things went wrong and looking on the positive side of life

Class 4: Ella-Marie for helping and caring for others

Caolin for improved effort across all subjects and taking part fully in forest school day



Dojo Awards

- ♦ Class 2 : Elizabeth and Theo
- ♦ Class 3 : Mateusz and Alfie
- ♦ Class 4 : Margaret



Advent Collective Worship

Class 3's Advent Collective worship planned for 30th November will now take place on Monday 4th December at 3.00pm. The remaining dates are unchanged.



- ◆ 7th December (2.45pm) **Class 2:** **Advent week 2**
- ◆ 14th December (2.45pm) **Class 1:** **Advent week 3 supported by the Chaplaincy team**
- ◆ 21st December (2.30pm) **Whole school:** **Advent week 4/Carols round the tree**

Reconciliation

As part of our Advent preparations, Father Bede will be in school on Monday 4th December and Monday 11th December to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children. This is on a voluntary basis on the part of the children and a lovely opportunity to prepare spiritually for the feasts of Christmas.

EYFS/KS1 Winter Wonderland

Your child/ren will be bringing home a letter with details of this event. (A copy is attached for your information.)

Apostleship of the Sea—Hat Packing—Reminder

Next Friday (8th December) Anne Maclaren will join us in school, and we will be packing hats for the seafarers who pass through the port of Hull. The children have already been busy making cards with Mrs Coltman. Please help us to make this our best donation yet, by providing some of the items listed below:

Items can be brought before or on Friday 8th December. Thank you on behalf of all the seafarers who are far from home at Christmas time.

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| Men's Socks | Men's Gloves | Shower gel |
| Shaving gel | Deodorant | Toothbrush |
| Toothpaste | Lip Balm | Disposable Razors |
| Small comb | Small Notepad | Pens |
| Chocolate (either a small bar or handful of small chocolates) | | |

If you can help, please bring items to school by Thursday 7 December—Thank you



Emergency Procedures—School Closure

Our procedures are currently under review and will be issued in due course, but in the meantime we will contact Radio York and Minster FM, so that news of the closure is broadcast. For bus children we will also contact Morse Coaches and the College transport department.

An email will be circulated to all who receive the weekly newsletter (please ensure we have an up to date email address and our email address is added to your list of contracts).

Please ensure you check your emails regularly.

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

Date	Time	Event
Sun 3 Dec	11.00 am—3.00 pm	St Benedict's Society—Christmas Fair & Tombola
Mon 4 Dec	3.00pm	Class 3 Collective Worship—Advent Week 1
Tues 5 Dec	9.00-3.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Forest Schools—Winter Wonderland
Thurs 7 Dec	2.45 pm	Class 2 Collective Worship—Advent Week 2
Thurs 7 Dec	5.30pm/6.50pm	Ryedale Lions's Santa's Sleigh to visit Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth—see attached flyer for details.
Fri 8 Dec	am	Apostleship of the Sea—Hat Packing
Fri 8 Dec	1.30– 3.30 pm	Yearr 5/6 Aerobics at Ryedale
Mon 11 Dec	2.45 pm	Brass Concert—everyone welcome
Tues 12 Dec	2.00 pm & 6.00 pm	KS1 Nativity
Thurs 14 Dec	2.30 pm	Performance by our Dance and Drama Students—led by Miss Gabby—everyone welcome
Thurs 14 Dec	2.45 pm	Class 1 Collective Worship—Advent Week 3
Fri 15 Dec	pm	Pantomime—York
Mon 18 Dec	pm	Christmas Party afternoon
Thurs 21 Dec	2.30 pm	Advent Week 4—Carols around the tree in school
Fri 22 Dec	3.30 pm	Break for Christmas
Mon 8 Jan		School Closed—staff training
Tues 9 Jan	8.45 am	School re-opens—Spring Term