



St Benedict's RC Primary School

Newsletter

8 December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a week full of thanks.

Firstly to the Friends of St Benedict and all of you who came along to the Christmas fair after Mass last Sunday. A huge amount of hard work went in to decorating the hall and providing an enticing array of festive stalls. The event was extremely successful and I would like to thank all involved, on behalf of the school. The amount raised totalled **£1,102.95**.

Secondly, I would like to thank you for the very generous donations for the hat packing this morning, for the Apostleship of the Sea. It looks like being one of our best years yet for donations, and I know how much they will appreciate it. It sends out a very positive message about the kindness of the St Benedict's family.

Finally, thank you to our Class 2 parents who joined us for our Advent service on Thursday and were very understanding about the impact of staff illness on our preparations. The children did a super job and will be inviting you to lots more events in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and talk to your child's teacher or myself.
Wishing you a happy second weekend of Advent,

God bless,
Mrs Barrs

Stars of the week!



Class 1: Effie for working really hard during Nativity practices

Class 2: Elijah for excellent manners at lunch time

Kayah for remembering her lines for the Nativity play

Class 3: Arthur G for his wonderful attitude and effort in everything he does

Oliver for his increased confidence and accuracy with grammar

Class 4: Elena for excellent science work

Maia for excellent effort and science questioning

Mrs Barrs has awarded a special star this week to **Theo** for showing a kind heart and generosity to others

Dojo Awards

- ♦ Class 3 : Maja
- ♦ Class 4 : Lottie



Advent Collective Worship

- ◆ 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**



London Marathon—Mrs Lally

Next year Mrs Lally, one of our parents and member of staff, will be running the London Marathon in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. In order to do this she has to raise a substantial amount of money for the cause.

On **Friday 15 December** she will be launching her fundraising campaign by hosting a **coffee morning at Gilling Village Hall.**

Christmas produce and cards will also be on sale. Please pop along and support her, if you can.



Musical Theatre Club

There will be **NO KS1 Class on Tuesday 12 December**—due to the Nativity Performance. On Thursday 14 December at 2.30 pm Miss Gabby will be holding an assembly to present the Musical Theatre Club students with certificates. The KS2 Class will run as usual, 3.30-4.30 pm. There will be **NO classes during the last week of term.** There will be Musical Theatre Show next term where the children from KS1 and KS2 will present a variety of performances for you all.



Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 19 December

Christmas lunch (turkey and trimmings) will be served on Tuesday 19 December, if your child/ren normally has/have a packed lunch, but would like a school meal on this day, please send in £2.10 per meal to the school office, in a clearly labelled envelope, by Friday 15 December—thank you.

KS2 Parent Meeting—Wednesday 20 December (3.45 pm)

We are currently working with all of KS2 on a new mentoring approach. As part of this all children will receive a report. To help parents understand these reports I will be holding a meeting after school to explain the format. Reports will be given out on the Wednesday so you will be able to relate the information directly to your child's first report.
Mr Jacobs

KS2 Pyjama Day—Friday 22 December

We have a themed week coming up in the last week of term and would like **all KS2 children** to come to school in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers for the day. Please send outdoor shoes for break time.



Texting Service

We have just signed up to a new texting service, Teachers2Parents. This will allow us to send messages to parents via text. It is important therefore that we have a mobile number to contact you and you keep us informed of any changes to your number.

We will use the text service as well as email to inform you of school closures.

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

Date	Time	Event
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	Musical Theatre Group Assembly (Certificate Presentation)—led by Miss Gabby
Thurs 14 Dec	2.45 pm	Advent Week 3—Class 1 Collective Worship
Fri 15 Dec	1pm—4.30 pm	Pantomime—York
Tues 19 Dec	12.00—1.00 pm	Christmas Lunch (turkey & trimmings)
Wed 20 Dec	Pm	KS1 Party afternoon
Wed 20 Dec	3.45 pm	KS2 Parents meeting—Mentoring Report
Thurs 21 Dec	2.30 pm	Advent Week 4—Carols around the tree in school
Fri 22 Dec	All day	KS2 Pyjama Day
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