



St Benedict's RC Primary School Newsletter Friday 21 December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

I write this before the school head over to church to finish this term with our Christmas Carol afternoon. I am looking forward to it immensely. There is something beautiful about our school community coming together in our parish church to celebrate Advent and the birth of our Lord.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to pass on our thanks to you all. The staff and I are very appreciative of all the cards, presents and best wishes that we have received from both the children and yourselves. We would also like to say thank you for your support and encouragement that we have received throughout the term. We are lucky that we get to work with such happy, kind and confident children. They make working in the school such a pleasurable experience.

All it remains for me to say is that I hope you have a happy and holy time with family and friends this Christmas.

Mr Eddy



Stars of the week

Head teacher's award: - **Evelyn** for being a 'superstar' throughout the full term 😊

Class 1: **Evie** for her enthusiasm and love of learning

Class 2: **Imogen & Tolly** for their fabulous 'Snowman' poems

Class 3: **Oliver** for super ideas and language in his writing

Kayah for her improvement during the term

Class 4: **Eryk** for his huge improvement in arithmetic over the term

Otello for fantastic festive writing



Times Table Rockstars

- Year 1 :** Szymon
- Year 2 :** Marianna
- Year 3 :** Albert
- Year 4 :** Henrietta
- Year 5 :** Mateusz
- Year 6 :** Elliot



Dojo Awards

- Class 2 :** Gracie
- Class 3 :** Taylor
- Class 4 :** Eryk, Elena and Oscar



School Meals—Pupils in Years 3-6



Reminder : school meals must be paid for in advance. We have a number of pupils who have debit balances on their school dinner account.

Could we ask that you check your child's account on ParentPay and settle any out-standing debts as soon as possible—thank you.

Swimming

Class 2 (Years 1 & 2) will start swimming lessons at the St Alban's Centre in the Spring term. They will swim each week, starting on Wednesday 9th January. The children will require a swimming costume and a towel.

They will be collected from school, by the Ampleforth College minibus at around 12.45 pm, their lesson will be from 1.00-1.30 pm and they will return to school by 2.00pm.

In order to help with the cost of hiring the pool, we would like to request that parents make a voluntary contribution of £20.00 per pupil for the full term, which is less than £2.00 per session. Payment can be made in full, or in 2 instalments of £10, via ParentPay. Cash can also be paid to the school office. Details of how to log into ParentPay will be issued at the start of next term.



If you have any concerns, please speak to Miss Smith.

Future Events / Dates - Please check Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 7th January	Full day	School Closed—staff training
Tuesday 8th January	8.55 am	Pupils return to school—Spring term 1
Wednesday 9th January	12.30pm	Class 2 (Yrs 1&2)—Start swimming lessons at St Alban's Centre—Ampleforth College
Tuesday 15th January		Deadline for applying for a Primary School place for September 2019
Friday 25th January	tbc	Yr 3-6 Table Tennis tournament @ Helmsley
Thursday 31st January	All Day	Class 3 Lynx Theatre—Play in a Day



Wishing you
A very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year
from
All the Staff and Pupils
At St Ben's

