



St Benedict's—A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Class 1 held a lovely Stay and Play session on Monday morning and it was heart-warming to see some of the children and parents who may be joining our school community over the coming years. We are planning to hold another session when we return in January (details to follow) for prospective children and their parents. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us please direct them to this future event.

The School PTA held a meeting on Thursday morning in school and it was lovely to listen to the many ideas that they had to help add to the experiences of the children in school. I am sure that a happy and productive time lays ahead for us all.

Mrs Coltman also came along to the PTA meeting and brought along her usual splash of colour and happiness to the school. The children and staff are always so happy to see her. It may be a while yet until we see Mrs Coltman return to work but I am happy to say that Mrs Owen is doing a wonderful job in Class 3. We are fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated person who can step into Mrs Coltman's shoes for a while.

The school, and Class 2 in particular, said goodbye to Mrs Baker on Thursday. She goes onto her next Trainee Teacher placement at Romanby Primary School next week. Mrs Baker has been a very good person to have in the school this past term, we wish her well in her future career and know that she will continue to do well during the rest of her training.

Finally, this coming Sunday, some members of the school will be joining with the parish to celebrate Mass together for the feast of Christ The King. If you and the children can make it to Mass at 10am, you would all be most welcome, it would be wonderful to see you there. Refreshments will be served (by the children!) afterwards.

Have a happy and holy weekend
Mr Eddy



Stars of the week

Head teacher's award: - **Orest** for a wonderful traditional tale and such lovely handwriting 😊

- Class 1: Constance** for fantastic reading using phonics to decode words
- Class 2: Marcel** for his improved effort in group work and trying his best
- Kuba** for great work ethic, always trying his best even when it's tricky
- Class 3: Albert** for his increasing maturity and making good choices
- Elijah** for his wonderful attitude to all aspects of school
- Class 4: Oliver** for persistence and effort in English
- Bertie** for his improved attitude and effort





- Year 1 :** Sienna
- Year 2 :** Joey
- Year 3 :** Ali
- Year 4 :** Arabella
- Year 5 :** Carlos
- Year 6 :** Alfie S



- Class 1 :** Constance & Emrys
- Class 2 :** Imogen
- Class 3 :** Kayah
- Class 4 :** Ellie & Oscar E

Reminder - Food Allergies

Could we remind you that we have children in school who are allergic to nuts. We kindly request therefore, that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, for their snacks or in their packed lunches. Please also bear this in mind when donating cakes and items for the Christmas Fair, bake sales etc.



For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.

St Benedict's Facebook Page



We are planning on launching a 'new' St Benedict's Facebook page for the school on Friday 29th November.

As with all school publications, pupils will not be named on any photos we publish without prior consent from parents.

If you wish to review/change photo permissions for your child, please contact the school office no later than Thursday 28th November to update your consent preferences.

The St Benedict's Society page will still be available.

School fundraising

In the run up to Christmas, many of you will be shopping online. Help us raise funds for school by using easyfundraising where you will find over 3,300 stores including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Next and many more. Find us on easyfundraising using the following link:-

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbenedictampleforth>



Future Events / Dates - Please check Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 24th November	10.00 am	Mass—Feast of Christ the King at Our Lady & St Benedict's church
Wed 27th November	3.00 pm	Red Wednesday - Parents are welcome to join us for Collective Worship led by Fr Bede
Fri 29th November	1.30 -3.00 pm	Yr1/2 Football - Ryedale School
Tues 3rd December	10.30 am	Yr 6 Height & Weights check—Healthy Child Team
Wed 4th December	3.00 pm	Advent Reflections - parents welcome
Thurs 5th December		Apostleship of the Sea - Woolly Hat Appeal
Fri 6th December		Jar & Jumper Day (Bring a jar & wear a jumper for the day)
Sun 8th December	11.00 - 1.00 pm	Christmas Fair - St Benedict's church hall
Wed 11th December	3.00 pm	Advent Reflections - parents welcome
Thurs 12th December	2.00 pm	Pocket Panto - Mother Goose (in School)
Mon 16th December	2.00 & 6.00 pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance—'It's A Baby'
Tues 17th December		Flu Vaccine (rescheduled from 1/10)
Tues 17th December		Christmas Lunch
Tues 17th December	pm	KS 2 Christmas Party
Wed 18th December	2.00 pm	Achievement Assembly - parents welcome
Thurs 19th December	am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party & Santa visit
Thurs 19th December	1.00 pm	Carols around the tree in Our Lady and St Benedict's church - everyone welcome
Fri 20th December	3.30 pm	School finishes for Christmas Break
Mon 6th January	All Day	School Closed - Staff Training
Tues 7th January	8.45 am	School re-opens for Spring Term
Wed 8th January	9.30 am	Celebration of Epiphany - Mass at Our Lady and St Benedict's Church.
Wed 15th January		Deadline for applying for Primary School place for September 2020.



Enabling children to grow and love life

Advent Reflections

Parents and family are invited to join us for the following events:

- * **Collective Worship** to celebrate Advent at 3.00pm on **Wednesday 4th, and 11th December**. The celebrations will be led by Class 4 with pupils from all other classes taking part.
- * **Achievement assembly** at 2.00 pm on **Wednesday 18th December**
- * **Carols and Reading** in Our Lady and St Benedict's church at 1.00pm on **Thursday 19th December**



Jar & Jumper Day

On **Friday 6th December**, we are inviting the children to wear a Christmas jumper for the day and bring in a jar filled with goodies which will go on a tombola stall at the Christmas Fair to help raise funds for the school. Jars can be filled with anything from sweets, crayons, pencils, Lego, bath bombs etc. Please be as creative / inventive as you like.



This week's letters

Tues 19th November	Class 2	Ryedale football tournament
	All	Father Christmas visit
Thurs 21st November		Christmas lunch invitation for pupils who normally have packed lunch
Friday 22nd November	All	Request for raffle/tombola prizes for Christmas fair



PJ and Cake Sale



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who donated to our PJ and Cake Sale day, last Friday. We raised a grand total of **£137.25** which will be donated to CAFOD.



School fundraising - cont...

We have just signed up to the '**BIG BOOK BOOST**' with the Book People. This is a new fundraising scheme to help us earn free books for school.

Every time you place an online order over £10, The Book People donate £1.00 to school to spend on books.

If you're buying books for Christmas have a look at:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>



EVENTS

Red Wednesday - 27th November - Parents and family are invited to join us for **Collective Worship**, led by Fr Bede at 3.00 pm.

On Red Wednesday pupils are invited donate £1.00 and wear something red for the day and purchase 'red' cakes. All money raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need - please have a look at their website for further information:-

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/>



Apostleship of the Sea
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Apostleship of the Sea - Woolly Hat Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Woolly Hat Appeal and we are looking for donations of the following items which will be packed into woolly hats and given to visiting seafarers over Christmas.

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)

Donations are needed by Thursday 5th December, when Anne McLaren will visit school and work with the children to pack the hats.