

St Benedict Biscop Newsletter



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Covid-19

There is a lot of speculation in the news about schools potentially closing to help delay the spread of COVID-19. Currently we haven't received any information regarding this and I, like you, am only aware because of the press and news coverage. Please be assured that school will only be closed if the Department for Education or Public Health England instruct us to. I will, of course, keep all parents informed if I receive any new information. Please ensure that we have the correct text and email contacts for you. In the event of a school closure, children will be set some activities online using free apps and additional work, as appropriate. This information will be sent to your registered email address.

Please continue to ensure that good hygiene is maintained to prevent the spread of any germs:

DO:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into school
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

DON'T:

- touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Some children with existing dry skin conditions are finding the additional hand washing is causing a skin flare up. If your child is experiencing discomfort, you may send them with a small bottle of emollient cream for them to use in school (no scented creams). Please ensure this is labelled with their name and remind your child it is only for their personal use. For younger children please alert their class teacher to remind your child to use their cream.

NHS advice

Please click on the link below for full details of symptoms and advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>;

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing all children in school as usual. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Scott-Worthington

Reception Class Worship

Reception children are holding their collective class worship on **Wednesday 18th March**. Parents and carers are invited to come and watch, it will begin at 9:10am and take place in the school hall.

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that parents evening is taking place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. Letters have been sent out this week, please return the slip to your child's class teacher to book an appointment.

Smartie Tubes

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their smartie tubes filled with money. Please keep sending them in!

Please be aware that football Tuesday 17th March is cancelled due to a cross country tournament taking place.

Carnival Committee

This year St Benedict's would really like to be able to take part in the Wombourne Carnival floats and show off what wonderful talents we have as a school! The carnival weekend is usually the first Sunday of July.

We would like to get an idea of who would be able to help and take part in this. We would love to hear from you, if you can help out in any way. Planning needs to start immediately and we will be holding a few design sessions in the coming weeks.

If you are interested, please contact Sam Ross on: 07940953288 or Steph Beasley on: 07737076645 to be involved.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the week:

Week ending 14th February:

- Year 1 – Poppy Walker & Blake Dean
- Year 2 – Evelyn Clay & Stanley Lokucewicz
- Year 3 – Lailah Tedstone & Evie Tarnawskyj
- Year 4 – Evie Vandaele & Jack Clay
- Year 5 – Maisie Meredith & Cara Clark
- Year 6 – Harry Plews & Harry Thomas

Phonics Meeting

We have recently made some changes to our school reading scheme to ensure it is in line with the daily phonics teaching the children receive.

We will be offering a phonics and early reading workshop on **Thursday 19th March at 2pm** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents, to provide more information on our phonics and reading schemes.

Nursery 2020 Admissions

We still have a limited number of places available in our Nursery for September 2020 (children born between September 2016 and August 2017). Parents who have already applied will receive confirmation of their place in the next few days. If you would like a place in our nursery, or know someone who is interested please contact the school office. As the application deadline has now passed places will be offered in application order. Once the nursery is full we cannot accept any further applications.

Sponsored Athlete Visit

The children had a fantastic afternoon yesterday with Mark Lewis-Francis MBE taking part in sponsored fitness circuits followed by a question and answer session.

The online sponsorship page please see link, <https://fundraise.teamsuperschools.co.uk/events/st-benedict-biscop-cofe-primary/> is open until Wednesday 25th March. The money raised will be used to buy more sports equipment for school. Please register your child to be able to make online donations, you can then view how much your child has raised and what incentive they will receive (£7.50 - £12.49 = wristband, £12.50 - £19.99 = wristband and drawstring bag, £20+ = wristband, drawstring bag and a medal).



