

Friday 15th December 2023

# St. Benedict's News



*'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'*

**A Christmas Message  
to Parents/Carers & families from Mr Phillips:**

**"Thank you for the wonderful support you have given your children and the school this term, as always. May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Joyous New Year.**

**Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again on 9th Jan"**

## **End of Term**

A reminder that school will close **next Friday 22nd December at 1:30pm** and children return on **Tuesday 9th January**.

## **Christmas Plays**

It was wonderful to see such a great turn out at our class plays. They were a fantastic celebration of our children's talents. Thank you to our dedicated staff who put their enthusiasm into creating these memorable events and thank you to all the parents and families who have shown tremendous support.

## **Swimming**

The last swimming session for Year 5 is next **Monday 18th December**. After this, they will do PE on Thursdays instead. After the Christmas break it will be the turn of Year 4 starting **Monday 15th January 2024**. This will replace their current PE day. Please can they bring in an appropriate swimming kit, towel and cap. Jewellery of any kind is NOT permitted.

## **Class parties**

On **Tuesday 19th December** children will enjoy their class Christmas parties and will receive a special treat from Father Christmas. They can wear their own clothes.

## **Carol Service**

There is a Carol Service led by Year 6 in St Benet's Church next **Friday 22nd December** at 9:30am. All are welcome.

## **After school clubs**

With the exception of Choir, which is still on next Thursday 21st December, all after school clubs have now finished until January.

## **Mission Christmas**

Thank you for your generous donations for Mission Christmas. All money raised has been sent to them along with all your toy donations.

## **Raffle message from the PFSA**

Our raffle was drawn after the last Christmas play this morning. The 16 prizes have been distributed to the lucky winners. We would just like to say a huge thanks to our parents and families for the tremendous support you have shown us.



**St Benet's  
Mass Times**

Sat 6:30pm

Sunday 9am  
& 11am

Tue & Thur  
10am

Mon, Wed, Fri,  
No Mass

**Attendance  
& Punctuality**

**Whole School:  
92.9%**

**Highest Class:  
6M**

 **97.7%**   
**Well Done!!**

**Number of  
Lates  
9**



**Website: [www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk)**

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Champions of the Week			
	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
<b>Rec</b>	Ozzy G	Seren B	Elijah B
<b>1GN</b>	ALL OF YEAR 1!	Ari P	Ida H
<b>2C</b>	Tilly C	Theo P	Thomas M
<b>3E</b>	ALL YEAR 3!	Elsie B	Ivy H
<b>4CL</b>	Aaron E	Oliver W	Harry H
<b>5CN</b>	ALL OF YEAR 5!	Isobel C	Kyle McD
<b>6Mc</b>	Layla H	PJ McD	Layla V

School Terms and Holidays 2023/24	
<b>Autumn Term 2023</b> Friday 22nd December	Close for Christmas (finish at 1:30pm)
<b>Spring Term 2024</b> Monday 8th January Tuesday 9th January Monday - Friday 12th - 16th February Thursday 28th March	Inset Day School re-opens for children Half-Term Holiday Close for Spring Break (finish at 1:30pm)
<b>Summer Term 2024</b> Monday 15th April Tuesday 16th April Monday 6th May Monday - 27th to Friday 31st May Monday 3rd June Tuesday 4th June Tuesday 23rd July	Inset Day School re-opens for children Bank Holiday Half-Term Holiday Inset Day School re-opens for children School closes for Summer Holiday (finish at 1:30pm)



## Winter Challenge 2023

<b>Activity 1</b> <b>Winter Reading Challenge</b> Go to the website below to create your profile. Read 3 or more books and complete the challenges set. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. <a href="http://wintermini.org.uk">wintermini.org.uk</a>	<b>Activity 2</b> <b>Active Challenge</b> Take part in one of the Sport England challenges, you could try the socks in a box challenge, the wall ball challenge or any others you like the look of. Don't forget to send a picture. <a href="https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge">https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge</a>	<b>Activity 3</b> <b>Create some characters.</b> Save some used cardboard toilet rolls and create some characters with them. You could decorate them as a snowman or penguin or create your own characters. Here's some ideas: <a href="https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/">https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/</a>	<b>Activity 4</b> <b>Tasty treats!</b> Have a go at making a winter tasty treat...you could make marshmallow penguins or snowmen biscuits... <a href="https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes">https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes</a>
<b>Activity 5</b> <b>Scavenger hunt!</b> Why not get outside for a walk and take pictures of as many of the following things that you come across: Shadows, a tree stump, a puddle, a squirrel, a worm, fallen leaves, a spiders web, a log, some ice, a feather, a road sign, some birds. I look forward to seeing what you've seen.	<b>Activity 6</b> <b>Write a winter themed story</b> Use your imagination to write a winter themed story. Think of an idea, create your main character then decide where the story is set. Have a beginning, middle and end! <a href="https://readingeez.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/">https://readingeez.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/</a> I can't wait to read them all!	<b>Activity 7</b> <b>Create a snow globe</b> Have a go at making a snow globe by recycling a used jam jar or similar, find a small figure that could go in it and follow the instructions on this website <a href="https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe">https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe</a> Don't forget to send a picture.	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit. Send evidence of your activity to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk) This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!