

Friday 1st March 2024

St. Benedict's News



'With Jesus we learn, love and laugh'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Social Care Advice Line for SEND

This message is shared on behalf of Sefton Council: In recognition that families of children and young people with complex needs and special educational needs often need a bit more support, we have launched a Social Care Advice Line for SEND. We know that many families would like to avoid the intrusion of a social care assessment for their child but parent carers and professionals sometimes don't know what the other options are to get help. This advice line is staffed by two experienced social workers with a good knowledge of the Local Offer in Sefton. We are inviting parents or professionals to use this phone number to find out more about what a social care assessment for a child entails to help families make an informed decision before approaching social care, and to talk about what other help might be available. Voicemails will be responded to within 7 days at which point the social worker will return the call for a discussion.

The telephone number for the Social Care Advice Line for SEND is **0151 934 2196**.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been a huge success so far. The children have been really excited to purchase new books to enjoy. If you would like to purchase a book but have not yet had the opportunity, it will take place **today and Monday** after school in the hall. There will be lots of books available and World Book Day vouchers can be used to help towards the cost. Thank you for your tremendous support.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Children may wear pyjamas and bring a teddy and book to school. They've also been given a creative challenge to make a model of a book character or scene out of recycled objects. Look at our World Book Day Newsletter for more information.

RockKidz

We have booked a fantastic day with RockKidz on **Friday 15th March**. Each class from Reception to Y6 will take part in a rock music workshop on the theme of positive mental health. We will conclude the day with a rock concert together in the hall. Everyone is encouraged to come to school dressed as a rock star for the day. There's plenty of time to start thinking about your outfit! Rockkidz also sell merchandise to those who want it.

Big Lent Walk

We are taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk. Children will bring home their sponsor forms today. We always appreciate your generosity to help those less fortunate.

Email addresses for online payments

In the foreseeable future we are planning to move to a long awaited online payment system! This will also affect our method of communication as we will discontinue the current text service and either utilise a new app or communicate with you via email. In order to do this we need everybody to have an up to date email address and mobile phone number on our system, we do not currently have this for all parents. Please send your details via email to **kate.toole@stbenedictsprimary.co.uk**.



**St Benet's
Mass Times**

**Sunday 9am
& 11am**

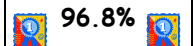
Tue 10am

**Sat, Mon,
Wed, Fri -
No Mass**

**Attendance
& Punctuality**

**Whole School:
90.3%**

**Highest Class:
2C/3E**

 **96.8%**
Well Done!!

**Number of
Lates
15**



Website: www.stbenedictsprimary.co.uk

Tel: 0151 526 6423



Champions of the Week



	Star of the Week	Maths Champion	Writer of the Week
Rec	Sonny H	Kitty H	Lucy H
1GN	Frankie C	Lennon P	Brody C
2C	Iris E	Isla P	Alia Mc
3E	Ava J	Sadie B	Joel Mc
4CL	Penny C	Aaron E	Deni G
5CN	Emelia B	Fynn C	Shaun M
6Mc	Lewis T	Layla M	Dylan P

Attendance

We will provide a regular update on the weekly attendance figures and attendance to date for each class.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

- Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.
- 95%: 10 days absence a year. These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.
- 90%: 19 days absence a year. The Government classes young people in this group as "persistent absentees", and will be almost impossible to keep up with work.



	Weekly Attendance	Attendance to date
2C	96.8%	94.2%
3E	96.8%	95.7%
1GN	90.7%	92.5%
4CL	90%	93.9%
6M	89.7%	93.6%
Rec	87%	91.5%
5CN	81.4%	93.6%
Whole School	90.3%	93.6%

