



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 15th September 2023

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St. Ben's School Christian Values: *Community, Resilience and Kindness*

CLUBS START ON MONDAY

We are really excited to be offering such a wide range of clubs again this term – huge thanks to our amazing, multi-talented staff. As well as the usual favourites, we also welcome back Maxine to do Drama Club on Tuesdays, we have a debut for Nature Club (Mondays) and the return of Art Club (Mondays). Miss Lamus takes over Spanish Club (Tuesdays). Collection after clubs will be from the back of school (Proper Job entrance).

VISITING CHRISTIANS

Tuesday saw the return of the Visiting Christians for Collective Worship at St. Ben's Church. This week's theme was the baptism of Christ, which our pupils acted out brilliantly!



READING SUPERSTARS

Today at 2:50pm, every pupil who has read 4 x or more in the past week got an extra break outside. This will happen every week, so remember to encourage your child to read and don't forget to sign their reading record and remind them to hand it in!

A HUGE well done to all those pupils who read 4 x a week or more this week; we hope you enjoyed your extra break!

DRAMA SESSIONS A HIT

Maxine Ridout joined us for Drama sessions on Monday and Tuesday of this week and the children really enjoyed the workshops. Maxine will be taking Drama Club on Tuesdays until 4:30pm. Maxine is a magical teacher and there are still spaces available! The cost is £4.50 per session or £2.25 if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium.



ST. BEN'S NEEDS YOU!

Can you help us? We are always looking for volunteers to support the school in different ways.

Could you be our next:

- Parent Governor?
- Member of the PTFA?
- Volunteer reader?
- Volunteer TA?



If you are interested in finding out more, why not contact the office or Mr Ranger – either via Class Dojo, or on (01458) 831811

YEAR 6 GUITAR HERO!

Zahan in Year 6 has earned himself a Grade 1 guitar certificate after his hard work in lessons with Mr Davidson. Well done for all the hard work, Zahan – you're a hero!



END OF DAY COLLECTION - A REQUEST

As we get to know new parents and carers, could we please ask that adults collecting Year 3 and Year 4 pupils at the end of the day come down to the playground to collect their child/ren when the gates open at 3:10pm; this will make collection safer and easier.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Reuben: for always trying hard in all his lessons!	Sage: for always being kind and helpful.
Unicorns:	Troy: for coming into school beautifully.	Felix: for persevering in his reading quiz.
Chameleons:	Krish: for working hard and being positive in everything he does.	Reggie N: for a beautifully descriptive list poem.
Owls:	Nellie: for super imaginative writing in English.	Thomas: for working really hard in all subjects.
Spiders:	Stanley: for being so mature and resilient after an injury at break time.	Owen: for engaging so brilliantly in our English lessons about Shakespeare.
Tortoises:	Sophia: for being presentation Peacock on all her work.	Manu: for a positive attitude to Year 5.
Leopards:	Luka: for amazing participation in the drama workshop.	Monika: for superb learning behaviour!
Peacocks:	Zahan: for always having a positive attitude during lessons.	Florence: for always being willing to have a go and try her best.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 23.5 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Cat Class, with 99.6%! Well done, Cats, you get a well-deserved extra break next week.	

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Please consider this when making your child's lunch as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies.

PUTTING THE 'P' IN PTFA

We are seeking more parents to be part of our PTFA team – after a record-breaking BenFest last year, we are keen to raise even more money towards our play equipment fund and we'd love you to be part of our fabulous team. Why not come along to our PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wed 27th Sept at 2pm – we will finish by collection time!

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT- SIGN UP NOW FOR MONEY OFF!!

The Pupil Premium Grant is government funding available to schools for any eligible pupils. Approximately 35% of our current pupils are already eligible, but we want to make sure that as many children can benefit as possible.

The money is paid to the school and allows us to subsidise many things at school including trips, uniform, events and activities. It may also mean your child can access extra support with academic and cultural opportunities.

We are aware that circumstances are changing for many families. If you think you may be eligible, we'd love to hear from you; please call the office, or Mr Ranger for an application form (this is one side of A4 and very simple to complete!).

What are you up to?

A reminder that we have a weekly newsletter feature on what our pupils are doing out of school. Are you part of a sports club? Do you have a hobby? Are you a baker or a crafter, a sewer or a gardener? Have you raised money or helped your community?

Send a few words and a photo to Mr Ranger via Class Dojo and their child could be the star of next week's newsletter.

DON'T BE IDLE!

Can we politely request that parents turn off engines when waiting for their child/ren – it will keep us all healthier and it will save you on fuel – win:win!

Thanks in advance!

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Monday 18 th Sept	Clubs begin – please try to sign your child up for at least one club!
Tuesday 19 th Sept	Boys' Football team match vs Elmhurst at Strobe. Kick off 3:30pm
Wed 27 th Sept at 2pm	PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the STEM Room We would love to see as many parents/carers as possible as we look to make this our best ever year for fund-raising
Friday 20 th Oct	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th Oct	INSET Day: Teacher training day – school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 31 st Oct	Pupils return to school after half term.