



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 5th January 2024

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!

It has been lovely to have the children back at school this week. It was so dark and gloomy on Tuesday, but, as ever, they have brightened up St. Ben's with their energy and enthusiasm. As you will have heard, we have a SIAMS inspection next Wednesday.

This is an inspection that focuses on the wider life of the school, including our Christian ethos and how we ensure that every child at St. Ben's gets to access 'Life in all its Fullness'. The inspector will be in school for the day and there will be an opportunity to tell him about your experiences of St. Benedict's.

If you are not available on the day but wish to write a few words in support of what the school does, particularly with reference to the wider life of the school (clubs, experiences, personal development of our pupils) we would be very grateful – please send any messages to Mr Ranger via Class Dojo. Thank you in advance for your support.

ATTENDANCE

We are really proud of our strong attendance (currently 95.6% as a school).

Please help us to keep it this way by ensuring your child does not miss any school, other than emergencies or genuine illness. Please be aware that we may fine for holidays taken during term time.

JOIN OUR CLUB

In the Autumn Term we ran a range of clubs for our pupils with children relishing activities both indoors and out. This term (starting w/b 15th January) we have a new range of clubs on offer, including the introduction of Science Club, Journaling Club, Cricket Club and Basketball Club. Our aim is that every child signs up for at least one club to broaden their horizons.

One of the clubs on offer, once again, is the fabulous Drama Club with Maxine Ridout.

Although there is a charge for this, it is exceptional value (with a Pupil Premium rate of £2.25 per session). Last term's members put on an impressive showcase for their parents before Christmas (see pics below). So this term, we urge you all to **join our club!**



What are you up to?



Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to out of school hours. This week, we feature Year 4, Sophia, who was one of the stars of the festive season production of Alex in Wonderland at Strode Theatre during the holidays. We also feature Year 5 Jasper who scored a hat-trick for his team, Cheddar – his coach has noticed great improvements in Jasper's play. Well done both of you – keep up the great work! If you have a hobby, belong to a club or have done something special – you could be the star of next week's newsletter; simply Dojo Mr Ranger.



Next week's feature already includes Ollie's Carnival Dragon and Eris's gymnastics award!

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Eloise: beautiful manners and greeting staff with a smile.	Mya: for being voted by her class as having the best manners!
Unicorns:	Kobi: for always having impeccable manners.	Charlie R: for having excellent manners.
Chameleons:	Logan G: always demonstrating beautiful manners and showing thoughtfulness.	Tallula: for always considering others and holding doors open!
Owls:	Jaxon: for being polite and considerate in class.	Aiden: for always being polite and attentive in class.
Spiders:	Jessica: for excellent manners, always.	Akishar: for lovely manners.
Tortoises:	Oliver: for lovely manners this week – keep it up!	Sofia: for always being calm quiet and polite.
Leopards:	Stacey: for a positive and polite start to 2024.	Isambard: for lovely manners always.
Peacocks:	Florence: for always demonstrating impeccable manners.	Alex: for always using impeccable manners.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 19.2 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Leopards!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	Our attendance champs this week are Unicorn Class with 95.1%! Well done, Unicorns, you get a well-deserved extra break next week.	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 57 % Unicorn - 85%, Owl - 54%, Chameleon - 53 % Tortoise –78%, Spider – 69%, Leopard - 73%, Peacock - 70% Meaning that this week's champs are Unicorn class! They go to the top of our leader-board for this half term – well done, Unicorns!	
<u>Other awards:</u>	Beehive Award: Kobi (Yr3): for lovely manners in the Beehive; Mark (Yr4): for lovely manners in the Beehive. Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards: Bowie, Aseel, Eleana, Charlie B and Rupert (Yr3), Echo, Kyle, Megan H, Nathan, Jasmine (Yr5) Accelerated Reader Star Pointer awards for Jasmine. Values awards for Sam, Y6, (showing kindness to others) and Thea, Y6, for always having lovely manners.	

NO SMOKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL OR PHONES IN SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that some parents (or adults collecting pupils) are smoking outside school. Please refrain from doing this immediately outside school. It is unacceptable for children to have to breathe in smoke or walk through it as they leave school. If you must smoke while waiting for your child, please go further away from the entrance.

Also a reminder that we are a mobile phone-free zone – please put your phone away as you enter the school grounds. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Tues 9 th January	Year 5 football matches vs Millfield (letters went out to players today)
Wed 10 th January	SIAMS inspection (see letter that went out on 04/12/24)
w/b Mon 15 th Jan	Spring term clubs begin
Tues 16 th January 1pm – 3pm	Mendip School Football League play-offs at Strode – 2 x Boys and Girls teams (postponed from before Christmas). Letters will go out next week.
Wed 17 th January	Boys' Football County Finals' tournament: at Strode. All day.
Fri 19 th January	Girls' Football County Finals' tournament: at Strode. All day.
Fri 9 th February	Break up for half term
Mon 19 th February	Return to school after half term