



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 6th September 2024

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

WELCOME BACK!

Despite the awful weather, it has been a brilliant start to our new school year. It has been so lovely to welcome our wonderful pupils back and to get to know our new Year 3s and the many pupils who have joined us in other year groups. We are also excited to welcome a new member of staff: Miss Stone has joined us as an apprentice TA and will be working in Year 3 and 4.

We look forward to getting to know you all, but in the meantime, please don't forget to sign up for Class Dojo and to ParentPay as this makes communication much easier.

HOMework/READING RECORD CHECKS

Our school approach to homework is that we prioritise reading. We believe that the ability to read unlocks so many things in life and allows children to access all other areas of the curriculum.

A reminder of our expectations regarding reading – we expect every child to read at least 4x a week at home and for an adult to sign their reading record. Every child who hands in a signed reading record that shows they have done this will get an extra break on a Friday afternoon. Those who have not will have the opportunity for an extra read at this time. There is also an ongoing BOOK BATTLE between all classes, with the winning class each half term getting to come in in mufti for a day! **Please help to support your child with this.**

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

CLUBS START on 16/09

Please look out for autumn Clubs' letter, which your child should bring home on Monday. We have a fabulous range of clubs this term, including Nature Club, Craft Club, Film Club, Netball, Glee, Choir and Football and Drama Club. While there is a charge for Drama, it has been an incredibly popular choice over the years and has been the perfect club for our aspiring actors. Maxine Ridout who runs the club, is delighted to be back and has very generously subsidised the cost as she loves teaching at St. Ben's – it is £5 per session (or £2.50 for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant).

PUPIL PREMIUM – HELPING US TO HELP OUR PUPILS

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is a means tested per pupil payment that helps schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged pupils. In the last few years we have averaged over 70 pupils per year in receipt of the PPG. We have spent this money on interventions, pastoral staffing, subsidising trips and uniform and giving children cultural and social opportunities. If you think you may be eligible, why not apply for the PPG. It is a really quick and simple process and will give your child access to trips, visits and more support. Please Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to outside of school.

Our first feature of the year stars Year 4 James who has played cricket for his team at a tournament at the County Ground in Taunton. We also shine a light on Sophia in Year 5, who completed the Summer Library Reading Challenge. We also feature Charlie Randall's Dad, Clive, who has raised over £700 for Alzheimer's Research by completing a sky dive! Well done to all of you!



Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

A reminder that ALL children should come into school each morning via the Proper Job entrance. There is no access via the front of school.

After school, Year 6 leave via the front of school (onto Benedict Street), with other year groups leaving via the back entrance (by Proper Job). The gate will open at 3:10pm – can any parents of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils please come down onto the playground to collect their child.

I appreciate that there is often a bottle-neck at the gate (hence Year 6 leaving via the front), so we appreciate your patience to ensure that every child gets out safely.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, it is essential that you let the school know. We will not allow children to go with other adults unless we have been informed.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly after school/after their club. If pupils are not collected on time, we may place them into 'Ben's Den' Wraparound Club and parents will be charged for the time.

In the summer term, a group of pupils were involved in creating artwork for the 'As Old as the Hills' exhibition. This exhibition will be running at the Red Brick Building from 21st Sept – 6th October and you are all welcome to attend the Exhibition Launch on Saturday 21st Sept. See poster below for details...

As Old as the Hills



Community Art Project
Exhibition & Events

Curated by Fiona Campbell & Jan Ollis

Madi Acharya Baskerville
Nikki Allford
Duncan Cameron
Fiona Campbell
David Kefford
Di Milstein
Penelope O'Gara
Jan Ollis
Catriona Robertson
Richard Tomlinson

21 September-6 October 10-5pm daily

Zig Zag Building, Morland Road, Northover, Glastonbury BA6 9FT

VENUE
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Exhibition Launch with special events: Sat 21 Sept, 10am-5pm, dance, performance, talks and after-party 5pm onwards

Artists in Conversation Tues 24 Sept, 6.30pm, £5

Layered books Workshop with Penelope O'Gara & Fiona Campbell, Sat 28 Sept, 2-4pm, £12

Workshop: Found feathers, owl pellets, riverweed pressings with Duncan Cameron, Sun 29 Sept, 2-4pm, £12

'Living on the Edge' Talk by Zig Zag owner Chris Black, blurring boundaries between urban & rural, Sun 29 Sept, 6pm, £10

To book email: fionacampbell-art@sky.com

@as.old.as.the.hills



AS OLD AS THE HILLS
EXHIBITION WORKSHOPS
RESIDENCIES AT THE ZIGZAG



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St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY



Open Evening 2024

Thursday 26th September

6.30pm—8.30pm



To register your interest in attending, please email: secretary@stduntansschool.com

Or check out our website: www.stdunstansschool.com

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St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

Situated in beautiful grounds in the heart of Glastonbury, St Dunstan's is a thriving school for students aged 11-16.

Why choose St Dunstan's?

- Consistently good progress for students
- High standards and expectations
- High quality teaching from excellent teachers
- Ambition for all students to achieve their very best
- Friendly students with a strong sense of community
- Excellent links with local primary schools allowing for a thorough and supportive transition process
- A caring community where everyone matters
- Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, meaning we have all the benefits of a small school, with all the advantages of being in a large partnership
- Excellent careers support
- Excellent links with local colleges, allowing for a thorough and supported transition from school to next steps
- Extra curricular programme that includes our partnership with Millfield School



St Dunstan's students get the best of both worlds; a small school with individual care, and a strong sense of community, whilst also offering a broad range of experiences and enrichments. The school offers a new and exciting mix of high standards and opportunities, in a caring community that supports and values every individual.

At St Dunstan's, teachers know students well, and students have strong relationships with their teachers and other staff; they have trust and confidence in them.



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