



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN

Monday 15th June 2020

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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MRS ROOD TO BID FOND FAREWELL

I am VERY sad to announce that Mrs Rood will be leaving St. Benedict's after six fabulous years. The good news is that she is becoming Head of School at Spaxton Primary School, where I know she will be an inspiring leader. In her time at St. Ben's Mrs Rood has been Assistant Head, led Year 6, inspired our mathematicians and been part of our Senior Leadership Team as well as a governor. Over and above all this, though, she has been an absolute pleasure to work with and will be sorely missed by pupils, staff and parents. Although it will be impossible to replace Mrs Rood, we are very pleased to have made an excellent appointment and will be announcing our new Year 6 teacher and Head of Maths very soon.



MS LOWE JETS OFF

Equally sadly, Year 4 teacher, ICT supremo and artistic genius Ms Lowe will also be leaving in July. Ms Lowe, who has been at St. Benedict's for five years, is heading off to Hong Kong to teach. Having taught there before St. Benedict's, it should be a familiar feeling. We will be desperately sad to see Ms Lowe go and the school community will be very sorry to wave her off.

In her time at St. Ben's Ms Lowe has overseen the renewal of our ICT hardware and been a keen advocate of reading, and her legacy includes our amazing reading area artwork, as well as our brand new STEM Room mural – more news on this soon! We have appointed a new Year 4 teacher and Computing Lead – more on this to follow!



Year 3, 4 and 5 to come to school for a day...

Last week, the government announced that Years R, 1 and 6 should continue to attend school, with other year groups set to remain safely at home. We are keen to follow government guidelines, but also recognise the importance of seeing all our pupils before the summer holidays, so I have decided to organise a day for each year group to see their friends and current teachers, and also to meet their teachers for next year. These days will be on the following dates:

- Current Year 4, moving to Year 5 in September: Friday 19th June
- Current Year 3 moving to Year 4 in September: Friday 3rd July
- Current Year 5 moving to Year 6 in September: Friday 10th July

Please see Class Dojo/last week's e-mail for more details. It is essential that you let us know if your child is attending. Please do this via Class Dojo or by telephone (if you cannot access Class Dojo). More details will follow on Wednesday (for Year 4) and next week (for other year groups).

FSM – EDENRED

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), you should be receiving vouchers (by e-mail) through the government sponsored provider, Edenred. If you think you should be receiving these, and haven't, please let us know.

People's circumstances change all the time and the COVID-19 pandemic has transformed the lives of many. If you think you may be eligible, please contact us ASAP.

FEELING WORRIED? CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?

As we always say at school, if you are worried about anything, or have concerns about someone else, TELL SOMEONE! There is a member of the management team at school every day, whether it's Mr Ranger, Ms Kirby, Mrs Rood or Mrs Brown. Mrs Newbury is often in, too. (call 01458 831811). If you are worried about yourself or someone else, TELL SOMEONE. If you can't phone, let your teacher/child's teacher know on Class Dojo, or don't forget there are other people to talk to:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

(also see their brilliant website)

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT HELPING US TO HELP YOU

We are aware that circumstances have changed for many of you and we would love to offer any support we can. Many of you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your children – this means you could be receiving vouchers or school lunches right away. It is worth noting, however, that your child does not have to have a school dinner, it simply means they are eligible. This is all done in the strictest confidence and is never talked about in front of pupils.

There are MANY other benefits to registering your entitlement; it means that, for the next six years, your child will be eligible for the Pupil Premium – this is money that the school will spend on things such as:

- Subsidising school trips,
- Music lessons,
- School uniform,
- Support in school.

An example might be that they will save 50% on all trips, including our residential in Year 5 and Year 6; this alone would be a saving of over £200 in their time at St.

Ben's! You could make savings of over £1,000 in their time at St. Benedict's!! This money also benefits the school and helps to fund e.g. pastoral support at school. Please contact the office on 01458 831811 to obtain an eligibility form.

SIGN UP NOW: HELP US TO HELP YOU!

ARE YOU FINDING LIFE CHALLENGING? CAN WE HELP?

I have spoken to many of you and know that lots of families are finding life tough as a result of the Lockdown. If you find you are struggling, we are here to help. We can make referrals to the foodbank and support with mental health concerns or simply direct you to help. I would urge you not to suffer in silence. One of Glastonbury's strengths is its' amazing community spirit – please reach out to us for support, or if you have concerns about others. Any calls/e-mails will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Weekly Awards:

Cat Class:

Unicorn Class:

Chameleon Class:

Owl Class:

Tortoise Class:

Spider Class:

Leopard Class and

Peacock Class:

Nightingale Class:

Star of the Week Awards:

SIRUS for an impressive static energy experiment using a balloon and a can.

LILY for her commitment to nature. She has created a wild pond in her garden!

TILLY – for great problem solving skills in Maths.

ENA - for all her independent learning – aquarium design and dolls' fashion!

DOROTHY for her imaginative work, and caring about her learning.

BRODI – for a lovely 'wish' story.

TAYLOR – for great work on ratio; RILEY for resilience and a cheerful attitude

FREYA – for her fantastic work during lockdown – this week a 'Spy Pack' for the discerning spy.

LEXI – for showing great confidence in class discussion and supporting others.

PHILIP for fantastic dictionary work and a great paper-chain snake.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th June will still be an INSET for both St. Benedict's and St. John's Schools.

Both schools will be completely closed.