



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 3rd December 2021

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St. Ben's School Christian Values for this term: **Community** and **Peace**.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

As we will remain in Amber Measures until we break up for Christmas on 17th December, a reminder of what is happening in the last two weeks:

- Year 3 Nativity: Tuesday 14th December (a letter about this will go out next week),
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch: Wed 15th December,
- Cutting of the Holy Thorn (Year 6 to attend): Wednesday 15th December
- Break up for the Christmas Holidays: Friday 17th December,
- Return to school: Tuesday 4th January is an INSET Day, so children should return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Due to the increasing covid numbers, both in school and in Mendip generally, we have made the decision to not hand out Christmas cards this year. Sorry if this disappoints you, but we are trying to keep school as safe as possible.

COVID – WORKING TOGETHER

I am aware that there are many different viewpoints in Glastonbury and that is what makes this town so wonderful; when it comes to Covid, however, as a school we are doing our best to make rational decisions based on government guidelines and we really appreciate the support and backing of our school community, so please, please, if your child has symptoms and/or tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test or PCR test, isolate them to keep everyone safe. We have families and staff that have vulnerable loved ones and we are all doing our best to be as safe as possible.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR FESTIVE DISPLAY AT TESCO

This week pupils from all year groups helped to create a fantastic Christmas display to enter a local competition. Tesco in Glastonbury will display the entry as part of their Christmas festivities. Creative mastermind and queen of nurture, Mrs Tidball organised the groups and planned the project. We're sure you'll agree that both sides of the display look fantastic and capture the essence of Christmas...



Pupils from the Upper School (above) and Lower School (below) helped Mrs Tidball with the festive project.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Megan: Hard work and superb effort when rehearsing for the nativity.	Talia: For a positive attitude towards her learning.
Unicorns:	Jake: Making huge progress in reading – well done!	Hartley: For being positive and for being independent.
Owls:	Sol: Working really hard on his maths and reading. Kyra: Independent leopard focusing really well in all her work.	Liam: Working hard in all his work and contributing to class discussions. Eli: Focusing really well and working hard in all his work.
Spiders:	Hazel: Being thoughtful curious and interested in everything!	Lannie: Her kind, positive and enthusiastic attitude.
Tortoises:	Aaron: Researching facts for writing. Reggie:	Amelia: For good questions this week.
Leopards:	Being an independent leopard throughout all his assessments. Excellent work.	Ollie: Excellent work in his assessments this week.
Peacocks:	Safiye: Being a presentation peacock and having a can do attitude towards her handwriting.	The Whole Class: For having a positive attitude towards their learning.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week's champions are CAT CLASS – an extra break for them!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		This week's champions are CAT CLASS with an attendance of 99.1% – an extra extra break for them!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Jacob R, Arnas (Yr 3); Alex and Harry (Yr 4); Lilu and Alif (Yr 6).
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Well done to Aalaa (Y6) and Jake (Y3) for achieving their Bronze award!

YEAR 6 PUPILS HAVE BIKEABILITY

In their year group Celebration Praise last Friday, a group of Year 6 pupils received their Bikeability award. The training took place in October on the playground and on the roads of Glastonbury. Assessor Mark was very impressed with the group who all managed to gain their Bikeability qualification. A very proud Mr Ranger handed out the awards and he told the Bulletin, "This is a really special award for which our children have worked hard. It is so important to be safe on the roads – Bikeability saves lives!"

Well done everyone and huge thanks to our Teaching Assistant, Miss Chouings and our governor, Mr Derbidge who supported the sessions.

Right: Year 6 pupils proudly show their Bikeability awards in Year 6 Celebration Praise



FREEZING FROST FAYRE

On a VERY chilly Saturday, our fabulous PTFA and friends turned out to raise funds for the school. Our stalls, selling burgers, hotdogs and bacon rolls, along with our Wine or Water stand and raffle were all a huge success and we raised an incredible total of £1116!

Huge thanks to Mrs Allen and Mrs Lawford for their tireless work in organising and running the stall and to all the staff, families and friends who turned out for toe-tingling shifts throughout the day.

Thanks also to all those families who braved the elements to come and visit our stalls – see you again next year!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH DONATIONS

Every Christmas we offer every pupil in school a hot Christmas dinner which historically has been funded by local businesses. Would your organisation like to contribute towards this? We have many disadvantaged pupils at St. Benedict's and in the festive season why not spread a little cheer? If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Mr Ranger via Class Dojo or on (01458) 831811. Thank you.

Burger and hotdog sale

Our fabulous PTFA will be running a burger and hotdog sale after school next Friday (10th December). We will run a pre-order service through ParentPay and send orders home with pupils. Please look out for more details next week.

Pupil Feature... This week's topic is **STORM ARWEN**

By your roving Year 6 reporters

Storm Arwen is a storm that made the sea levels rise and made the wind reach speeds to up to up to 90 mph. In Scotland and North England, power has disappeared and heavy snow has fallen. In other parts like the south west, Storm Arwen has had more of a subtle impact including heavy rain, cold nights and snow. Thousands of children still can't go to school and even more are still waiting for the lights to turn back on.



LUCAS EARNS MUSIC MERIT

Lucas in Year 6 has earned his Grade 1 Piano award at Merit level. Mrs Faulkner is incredibly proud of Lucas and so are we. Lucas tells me he is already working towards his Level 2 award! Great work, Lucas!



Lunchtime Community Club

This is a group run by Year 6 pupils **Faeth** and **Frankie**. Read on for more information...

Days and year groups:

The group will run at lunchtimes in the Quiet Area. Because of Amber measures we have to distance and socialise from 2 metres away. Due to this reason we will have different year groups on different days but we will try and organize all year groups to do activities together every chance we get. Mondays will be Year 5, Wednesdays will be Year 4 and finally Friday will be year 6. We are looking at days for Year 3 so watch this space!

Activities:

There are lots of fun games and activities that we would like to include but you can only do so much in one lunch break. These are the kind of things we were hoping you would like to do:

- Mind jars,
- Writing and drawing activities,
- Worry jars,
- Start a journal,
- Create an emergency checklist,
- Gratitude box,
- Suggestion box,
- and more that you would want...

Books

We have made little books that the children will design a cover and will fill the book with reliefs and key facts we will help children overcome worries and cope with anxiety or depression in school. We would love to help people with problems.

If you want to join you will have to speak to Faeth or Frankie on either Tuesday or Thursday or speak to Mr Ranger to let us know.

Our new space

We as a community have decided that 'The Community Club' could have their own space. Due to the Quiet Area never really being quiet we decided that would be a good space for The Community Club space (the outside mini Bee Hive). We are trying to raise money for materials like paint and tables. We were thinking of painting and replacing the fence, maybe even getting some new tables as well as replacing some to. If you do have any thoughts on what you would like to see in The Community Club space, then talk to Faeth and Frankie.

Need cheering up? Love live music? Then get over to Crispin Hall on 8th December for some toe-tapping, foot-stomping Dixieland Music.

All proceeds go to the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal.
Our very own music teacher, Sara Holt, is playing in the band!



**BURTLE'S
AUTHENTIC**

THE BACK STREET STOMPERS

DIXIELAND BAND

EST. 2018

**An evening of Dixieland style jazz playing
Christmas songs in a traditional Dixie jazz style.**

**All proceeds to go towards The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal
And The Crispin Community Centre**

*Date: 8th December 2021.
Start time: 6.30pm for 7pm.
Venue: Crispin Hall, Street.
Tickets: £5 from Event Brite and available from The
Salvation Army and The Crispin Community Centre.
Refreshments will be available to buy.*

CRISPIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Also available from Event Brite