



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 10th Sept 2021

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

## WELCOME BACK!

It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school at this week, from parents and carers at the gate to children mixing in the playground, it feels great to be back to some kind of normality. A HUGE welcome to our new Year 3 pupils and their families, we look forward to getting to know you over the coming term; we're delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Following government guidance, this term, St. Benedict's has:

- No bubbles,
- No face masks for staff (unless they opt to wear them in public places),
- No staggered starts/ends to the day.

In the event of government updates/a change in circumstances, we will inform you of any new guidance that results in a change to school routines.

## YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are really keen to welcome parents/carers into school as volunteers to hear readers/read to children. Our aim is to have at least one adult allocated to each of our 7 classes (but two would be incredible!). Could you spare a couple of hours or even a morning once or twice a week? Your time would help improve a child's skills, confidence and opportunities in life. If you are keen, or would like more details, please message Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or call him on (01458) 831811.

## PROJECT TO DEVELOP YEAR 3 OUTDOOR AREA

### Calling all tradespeople/DIY experts!!

Would you be willing to volunteer your skills to help us develop the outdoor area for Year 3? We are keen to get our pupils outside as much as possible and Mrs Anderson and Miss Switzer have developed a plan for an outdoor learning area. If anyone has any expertise/potential for cut price/donated resources in any of the following areas, we would love to hear from you:

- Astroturf,
- Timber
- Constructing sheltered areas,
- Construction of outdoor furniture using recycled items e.g. pallet furniture.

For further information or to offer help/expertise, please call Mr Ranger on 01458 831811

## Wat-er Star!

Photo of the Week goes to Amy in Year 6 – here she is water ski-ing with her canine pal, Hugo. On Saturday 18th Sept Amy will be competing at the Under 12 national event. Good luck, Amy!



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
<b>Cats:</b> <b>Unicorns:</b> <b>Owls:</b> <b>Spiders:</b>  <b>Tortoises:</b> <b>Leopards:</b> <b>Peacocks:</b>	<b>Lilah: A fantastic start to St. Benedict's!</b> <b>Jasper: Always doing his best.</b> <b>Noah: Team Bee in our Lovely Line.</b> <b>Harry: Always being, Ready, Respectful and Safe.</b>  <b>Leo: A lovely, positive start to St. Ben's.</b> <b>Kaya: Great start and independence.</b> <b>Kaelan: For being a resilient Tortoise.</b>	<b>Cat Class: An amazing start to Year 3.</b> <b>Unicorn Class: An amazing start to Yr 3.</b> <b>Katie: Helpful attitude and kind friend.</b> <b>Mohammed: Excellent role model.</b>  <b>William: Calm, independent start to Yr 5</b> <b>Aalaa: showing great compassion.</b> <b>Peacock Class: A fantastic start to Year 6.</b>
<u><b>Class Dojo Points Champs</b></u>	This week the class who amassed the best Class Dojo points average is <b>CAT CLASS</b> . They win themselves an extra break-time!	
<u><b>Attendance Champions</b></u>	Starting next week, there will be an award for the best attending class, who will win themselves an extra break! Try to get in every day to help your class!	

## Focus on Community

One of our school values this term is **Community**.

Do you know someone in our community that goes above and beyond? Do you or your child do something to help others in the community? We'd love to hear from you so that we can feature you in our newsletter. Please contact Mr Ranger on Class Dojo or catch him outside.

## CLUBS START ON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPT

A clubs letter will go out on Monday with details of all the extra-curricular clubs on offer. Our aim is to sign up every child at St. Benedict's to at least one club. Some are first come first served, so get your reply slip back ASAP!

Clubs on offer include Expressive Dance, Gardening, Drama, Netball, Choir, Football, Glee and Spanish, so we're hoping there is something for everyone!



## PUPIL PREMIUM

I'm aware that circumstances have changed for many of you and we're delighted to be able to support with this through the Pupil Premium Grant. If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), they have the option to receive a free school meal; they do not have to do this (they may prefer to continue to bring in a packed lunch).

In addition, they will receive support with school trips, school uniform, and will be given various opportunities throughout the year, including free or subsidised trips, music lessons and other events and activities.

There is absolutely no stigma attached and we already have over 60 pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, whose parents appreciate the extra support. There is nothing to lose, but could be a lot to gain!

For more information, please see our website, message us on Class Dojo or call the office on 01458 831811.

## CAN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME?

Returning to our usual back gate collection this week has made us question how we could improve the end of day collection arrangements. We are considering alternative collection arrangements for pupils/parents who walk/bicycle or scooter into school. More on this next week. Please note that you may enter and exit the playground via the Benedict Street side entrance to the school. In the mean time, please consider leaving your car at home if you can.



## St Benedict's SEN team

Is your child on the Special Educational Needs register and you want to know about the support we have available at St Ben's?

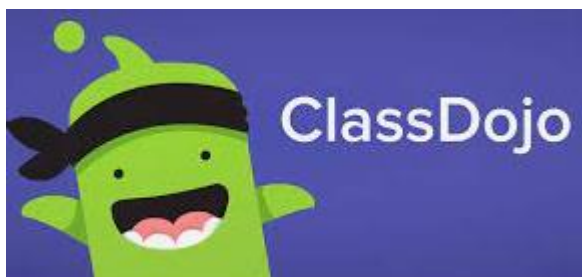
Maybe you have concerns about your child's learning or development and want to see how we can help.

If you have any questions about your child's needs, or our support, please ask me (Ms Kirby – Spider class teacher and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator – SENDCo). My SENDCo days are Thursdays, and I will be running a fortnightly drop in service from 2:30pm to 3:15pm every other Thursday, so you can come and ask any questions you may have. Alternatively, message me on Class Dojo or ring the office to set up a meeting or ask any questions. I am here to help!

## SIGN UP FOR CLASS DOJO!

Our most effective and instant method of communicating with you is Class Dojo. Not only can we send you notifications about the great things your child has been up to at school, including when they earn themselves a Dojo point, but we will also send messages and updates, including the weekly newsletter every Friday.

Well done if you are signed up already. If not, please join ASAP – call the office on 01458 831811 if you need a helping hand! Our aim is to have 100% of parents/carers signed up and a few classes already do!



## DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING CENTRE FOR GLASTONBURY?

We are the area crisp packet recycling centre, so instead of throwing away those empty crisp packets, why not bring them into school and help to save the planet a packet at a time! Our recycling drop-off container is located in the foyer of the front entrance.

Please put your packets in a carrier bag and simply place them in the large bin in the corner of the foyer. For every 1000 packs we send off, we get to make a £10 donation to a charity of the children's choice.

