



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 17th December 2021

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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We have reached the end of what has been another challenging term and I would like to thank the St. Ben's staff team for being absolutely incredible in the face of very tough circumstances. The children have also responded brilliantly and we are very proud of their achievements this term. Once again thank you for your support and understanding and may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

As it stands, we will continue to be in Amber Measures for the start of the Spring Term so the same arrangements will be in place regarding staggered start/end times and drop-off and collections points. If any changes are announced over the holidays, we will contact you via Class Dojo.

- INSET Day – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan (NO SCHOOL)
- Return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH A CRACKER

This Wednesday saw our whole-school Christmas dinner, along with our 'Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day' in aid of Save the Children.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for funding this year's Christmas dinner and thanks to Morrisons and Tesco for providing the crackers. Here is Year 3 enjoying theirs in the Hall...



## YEAR 6 ATTEND HOLY THORN CEREMONY

On Wednesday, Year 6 of St. Benedict's attended the Cutting of the Holy Thorn along with pupils from St. John's and local and national dignitaries. Afterwards they got to spend time in the 'new look' St. John's Church and had a self-guided tour of the Christmas Tree festival.







# Busy Busy Bethlehem Year 3 Nativity





## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Eloise: Using her initiative and being a role model to others.	All of Cat Class: For an outstanding performance in the nativity!
Unicorns:	Jasmine: beautiful speaking as a narrator.	Unicorn Class: being stars in our nativity.
Owls:	Holly: Real team Bee in all her work. A really positive member of the class!	Noah: always working hard with a cheerful smile.
	Louie: Resilient Tortoise in English and art.	Victoria: settling in so well to our class.
Spiders:	Freya: Being a wonderful helper in DT.	Sofia: For being a wonderful listener.
Tortoises:	Lucas: Being really positive, kind and helpful this week.	Lilith and Lily: Superb teamwork with their carnival cart.
Leopards:	Isabelle M: Brilliant progress in her reading.	Fay: For an excellent descriptive diary entry from 1914 The Christmas Truce.
Peacocks:	India: Being a kind 'Bee' and helping others.	Olivia: For excellent progress with her arithmetic.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week's champions are <b>UNICORN CLASS</b> – an extra break for them!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		This week's champions are <b>PEACOCK CLASS</b> with an attendance of <b>97.3%</b> – an extra break for them!
<u>READING AWARDS</u>		Target Masters: Stella, Lilah, Amelia, Sammy, Orrin, Jasmine and Owen (Year 3); Eaden and Mya (Year 4); Ena (Year 6). Star Pointer: Chester and Eli (Year 4); Zander and Romeo (Year 5) Hundred Club: Hazel and Freya (Year 5) and Max (Year 6) Three Hundred Club!! Caspar (Year 5). Well done all!
<u>BEHAVIOUR AWARDS</u>		Bronze Learning Behaviour Awards this week for: Alanna, Anna, and Delilah (Year 5); Edward, Faeth, Frankie, Lily, Philip, Lyla and Henry (Year 6). Silver Learning Behaviour Award: Venus (Year 6). Well done, all!

### St. Ben's lose out in Close Encounter: St. Ben's 1 Elmhurst 3

St. Ben's boys were unlucky on Tuesday evening as they came out second best after a closely fought battle at Strode College. St. Ben's had by far the better of the first half exchanges with captain Moon and striker Selby ripping holes in the Elmhurst defence. The pressure eventually paid off with Jagger finishing brilliantly after a lung-bursting run. In defence Khan and Witcombe were calm and assured and keeper Wardle had little to do but was on hand to repel a rare Elmhurst attack and got a kick in the face for his troubles. Elmhurst went up a gear after they conceded and scored three goals in quick succession, pinning St. Ben's back for large spells of the second half. Ultimately a brave St. Ben's team were left to rue missed chances in the first half, but take many positives into the Christmas break.

