



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: Friday 24th Sept 2021

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

THREE CHEERS FOR ST. BEN'S!

Pupils in every class got to try their hand at Cheerleading this week, as coach John put them through their paces. It was a high-energy work out and lots of fun, as you can see. A huge thank you to Mrs Anderson for organising the sessions.



£25 VOUCHERS TO BE WON

How would like to win yourself a £25 Morrisons' voucher? We have two up for grabs! Simply complete the Pupil Premium application and we will enter you into our draw. The deadline is next Thursday (30th September). If your child is already in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant, you will automatically be entered into our prize draw. For more details, please see the letter that has gone home with every pupil today.

SIGN UP FOR OUR WORKSHOPS

Our fabulous Parent and Family Support Adviser (PFSA), Mandy Thorpe, is running two free, one-hour parenting workshops on Thursday mornings here at school. Parents would need to commit to attending both workshops. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up some great parenting tips in a supportive, non-judgemental environment and you'll even get a tea/coffee and a biscuit!

Thursday 14th Oct at 9:15am - Workshop 1 - Possible causes of behaviour problems. - This workshop invites parents to reflect on how children can 'learn' misbehaviour, and how to identify some of the common parenting traps we all fall into.

Thursday 21st Oct at 9:15am - Workshop 2 - Encouraging Desirable Behaviour and Managing Misbehaviour - This workshop offers plenty of tried and tested parenting strategies. Each parent will leave with their own plan to manage at least one behaviour.

Please let us know by Friday 8th October via phone or Class Dojo if you wish to attend and we will reserve a space/s for you.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Eve: Showing resilience in all lessons.	Oliver: Being independent in the morning.
Unicorns:	Olivia: Independence and improving reading	Arnas: Always being ready to learn.
Owls:	Chester: Curious Cat in Science lessons.	Florence: Ready to learn and contribute.
Spiders:	Caspar: Beautiful metaphors in poetry.	Aimee: Fantastic attitude and Maths work
Tortoises:	Acacia: Always polite and hard-working.	Spencer: Beautiful poetry using similes and metaphors.
Leopards:	Dylan: independent leopard and 100% in Maths.	Isabelle: Excellent reading – superb!
Peacocks:	Lyla: Resilient Tortoise in Maths work.	Harrison: Always smiling and encouraging.
<u>Class Dojo Points Champs</u>		This week the class who amassed the best Class Dojo points average is OWL CLASS who win themselves an extra break-time!
<u>Attendance Champions</u>		This week's Attendance Champs are UNICORN CLASS with 93.5% attendance this week! Well done, Unicorns, you win an extra break!

PTFA

Our fabulous PTFA are back up and running, planning events and activities to raise money to provide opportunities and resources for our pupils. Coming up...

Fri 8th Oct - Hotdog and Hot Chocolate sale in the playground after school.

Wed 13th Oct - AGM at 2pm in the school hall. All welcome: why not come along and get involved – you'll get a tea/coffee and a biscuit, too!

Sat 27th Nov - Frost Fair: please support us! Buy your hotdogs, burgers, bacon rolls and drinks from our stall.

Sumdog's Somerset Maths Competition

DON'T FORGET the Somerset Maths Contest on Sumdog running from **24th September to 30th September**. This is for Years 4 - 6.

Please see last week's Class Dojo post for more information.



A WONDERFUL WEEK OF CLUBS



It has been excellent to return to after-school clubs this week, with our pupils loving the wide variety of activities on offer. Here's what the children thought...

"You could feel the energy in Glee Club and the Year 3's did really well for their first session." India, Year 6

"I enjoyed Dance Club; dancing to the music was fun." Sofia, Year 3

"Gardening Club was fun; we got to pick Cosmos flowers and bring them into the classroom." Kyla, Y5

"Choir was fun; I really enjoyed singing with everyone." Katie, Year 4

"Mr Kelland didn't just teach us football skills, he also taught us about sportsmanship." Tilly, Year 6

"I really liked Drama Club – I loved playing the statue game." Jakob, Year 3

"I enjoyed Glee Club – it was great fun singing and dancing. I loved, 'Reach for the Stars!'" Frankie, Yr 5

"I loved Spanish Club – it was good to communicate with children in other year groups and we got to learn the numbers from 1 – 10." Frankie, Year 6

"I really enjoyed football club; I liked practising my passing skills." Jenson, Year 4



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!

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.

CAN YOU LEAVE YOUR CAR AT HOME?

Please consider walking to school or making the journey on a bike or scooter. Not only is this a healthy start to the day for your child, but it will be one less car queuing in the car park!

RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS

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.



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.