



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th January 2023

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St. Ben's School Christian Values: Community, Resilience and Kindness

OFSTED INSPECTION

On Tuesday we received 'the call', and we've had a two-day inspection this week. Many thanks to those parents and carers who sent messages (and biscuits!) to support the school. We are not allowed to announce the result of the inspection until the official report is ready, but we are happy that the inspector gathered a fair and accurate picture of the school. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey and spoke to the inspector at the gates.

The children, staff and governors were magnificent. As a reward for their excellent behaviour, the children watched a movie on Friday afternoon and were treated to a sweet or two.

We will publish the inspection report when we are allowed to (in approximately three weeks!)

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

We are aware that circumstances are always changing for families, particularly with the hardships many of us face at the moment with rising food prices and energy costs spiralling.

Please don't forget that your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant which could help you with their school costs. More than 1 in every 3 of our pupils are already in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant and they are benefitting from opportunities that may include:

- Subsidising trips,
- Subsidising uniform,
- Eligibility for Free School Meals,
- Accessing other opportunities such as cultural experiences.

It is very simple to apply and it may offer you, and your child, some much needed support.

Please contact our office on 01458 831811.

We look forward to helping you.

CLUBS will start next week.

We are excited about the clubs we have on offer this term and delighted that so many pupils have signed up.

Please note that Junior Duke will now be a 'drop-in' club on Monday lunchtimes, as children are completing their activities at home.

If outdoor clubs are cancelled due to poor weather, we will contact you via Class Dojo to collect your child at the normal time.

Collection for all clubs is from the back gate.

NEW YEAR, NEW VALUES

A reminder of our new school values...

**Community,
Resilience, and,
Kindness.**

These values reflect what we are all about at St. Benedict's and they will be our new core values, underpinning everything we do at school.

Each Friday in Celebration Praise, we will hand out a 'Values' award for the pupil/s that live out our school values.

If your child has embodied these values at home, why not let us know via Class Dojo so that we can mention them in our weekly newsletter.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Due to our films on Friday, there was no Celebration Praise this week. All awards will be carried forward to next Friday when we will do a bumper Celebration Praise.

Dojo Points Champs

Leopard Class were once again the winning class with an average of 22 Dojo points each. They win an extra break! Well done, Leopards!

Attendance Champs

Unicorn and Owl Classes scoop the attendance award this week with 98.4% attendance each. They both win an extra break! Great work, both classes!

Book Battle Champs

Leopard	50%
Peacock	53%
Spider	58%
Tortoise	45%
Owl	36%
Chameleon	56%
Unicorn	55%
Cat	55%

Well done to **Spiders**, this week's champions! It's great to see that most classes are now at over 50% of pupils reading 5 x per week. Let's try to aim for everyone over 60% next week!

THE START OF THE DAY

There are a number of parents/carers of Year 3 pupils who are still in the school playground at 8:45am when we aim to start the school day and close our back gate. I would respectfully ask that they ensure they leave the playground when the bell goes for the children to line up. At this point, it is a priority for the teachers to be able to greet the children rather than speak to parents. It is also important that, from a safeguarding point of view, we close the back gate rather than leave it open unattended for parents to leave. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please call the office for an appointment, or message via Class Dojo.

Many thanks for your understanding.

What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful Pupils are getting up to out of school.

This week we've been impressed by one of our Year 4 pupils, who has put in a Player of the Match performance. This accolade goes to Mason who put in a fabulous performance in goal last weekend for his team, the Wessex Vipers. Well done, Mason; keep up the great work!

Player of the Match, Mason, proudly shows off his trophy.



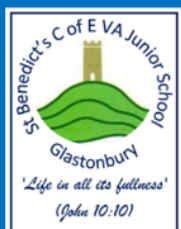
Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
W/B 16 th January	All clubs begin this week.
Wed 18 th January	County finals Boys' Football Tournament at Strode: this will be played within the school day; players will need a packed lunch (letters will go out to selected players).
Wed 1 st February	Navy STEM Day for Year 6.
Wed 8 th February	Year 3 and 4 to visit Millfield to watch Millfield Prep's production of Matilda (£2 transport cost to be paid on Parent Pay).

Attendance and Punctuality matters

Research shows that pupils who miss school/turn up late do not achieve as well as their peers who regularly attend/attend on time. One of the most vital things you can do to support your child is to ensure they have a strong attendance ethic. The government issued new guidance last year that requires school to be more robust in their challenging of absence, so please be aware that we will contact you if your child's attendance falls below 90% for any reason.

See table below for the impact of absence...



Getting your child to school on time matters. Did you know...

If in a school year your child is late every day...

5 minutes
10 minutes
15 minutes
20 minutes
30 minutes

Your child would have lost approximately...

3.5 days from school
7 days from school
10 days from school
14.5 days from school
22 days from school

Or they would have missed approximately...

20 lessons
41 lessons
55 lessons
82 lessons
123 lessons

**You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunities**