

St Benet's RC Primary School

Ouston, Chester-le-Street, Durham, DH2 1QX

www.st-benets.durham.sch.uk 0191 4105857

twitter -@Stbenetsouston email- stbenets@durhamlearning.net



Upcoming Events

April 16 - Children return to school

April 18 - People of the Parish Mass
(Y6 to join), 9.15am

April 19 - Y3 Trip to Hancock Museum

April 19 - Rainbows starts (to those
relevant children) 3:30pm - 4.15pm

April 20 - Parliament Morning in school
(assembly for children Y3-6 and
workshop for Y5)

April 23 - St George's Day- to
celebrate the feast day of our nation's
saint, we are having a non-uniform day
and children can come to school wearing
red, white and/or blue

April 25 - Year 1 Mass, 9.15am

April 27 - Year 5's Collective Worship
(Y5 Classroom), 9.00am

April 27 - 'Melanoma Me' parents
workshop- come along and join us for a
workshop that aims to raise awareness
about melanoma. 9.15am, school hall

April 27 - 'Walking for Water' Day-
information to follow after Easter

April 27 - All Stars Cricket Roadshow
(Years 1-3), in school (**NEW EVENT**)

April 30 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
for Y4 children, 6pm at St Joseph's
Church (**NEW EVENT**)

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Holy Week, as well as being the most important week in the Church's year, is a wonderful time to be in school. It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today. Thank you to those who have attended some of our celebrations this week and thank you to the staff for their dedication in leading such reflective acts of worship. Attached to today's newsletter are the Mass times for St Joseph's over this Easter weekend- another wonderful way to celebrate the life and love of Christ.



The Friends of St Benet's held another successful Easter disco on Tuesday night which was well attended by our children. The fish finger sandwiches and the sweets seemed to go down a treat and a fantastic amount of £566.31 was raised from the disco and the 'Decorate an Easter Egg' competition. Many thanks to The Friends of St Benet's for their preparation, effort and cheer at this event and the chocolate lollipops they gave to every child today as an Easter gift.

Today our Year 1 and Year 6 children participated in the annual dance festival at The Gala Theatre and they were FANTASTIC! Superb dances and smiles all round! We were also joined by author Adam Bushnell who worked with Year 5 and Year 1 children. Our children were inspired by his creativity as well as his humour!

So here we are at the end of another term! Thank you to all parents, carers and governors for your support over the term- from charity donations, supporting your child with their school work at home to snow shoveling! On behalf of all of the staff, I wish you all a very restful break and a very Happy Easter! Enjoy the chocolate eggs!

God Bless,

Catherine Harper
Head teacher

Year 6 are the
attendance
winners

this week - **98.9%**



Gold Book Winners (Thursday 29th March)



Miss Harper- Year 1, Year 6 & Lucy Hindmarch

Miss Caulfield- Cole Pallister

Mrs Lauder- Faye Robinson

Miss Loughlin – All of Year 1

Miss Williamson – Olivia Lavick

Mrs Rowley – All of Year 6

Mrs McNally – Theo Thompson

Mrs Brown – Annabelle Barker

Mrs Donaghy- Tommy Hepple

Miss O'Sullivan – Cece Nichol

Mrs Readman – Daisy Nicholson

Mrs Stone- Zara Blondrage

Mrs Bissell- Billy Pearson

Mr McQueen- Amelia Conway

Mrs Hanley- Ava Cottle

Mrs Malpass – Ella McCafferty

Mr Rooney- Emily Thompson

Mrs Finley- Dominik Kandziora

Mrs Tallentire- Molly Sykes

Mrs Wealleans- Leo Connolly



Green Tree School

We have another school logo because we have won yet another award! Thanks to all of the forest schools sessions, outdoor learning as well as the trip to Gibside etc, we have achieved the Bronze Green Tree School Award. Watch out for the Silver Award which we expect to achieve soon!

5p Challenge

Thanks to everyone who raided their purses and saved 5ps during Lent. We raised **£78.15p** which shall be donated to St Cuthbert's Care. Year 2 raised the most so there will be a prize awarded after Easter.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle was very popular this year. Mrs Finley and our Mini Vinnies were very persuasive in selling tickets outside the main entrance. We raised **£220.50p** which shall be used to support school funds.

break open the tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly
Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,
break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can
withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone
And find the miracle of new life
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

amen



'A happy and holy place of learning, and the centre of a thriving community'

Page 2 of 2