Autumn 2017 Newsletter 13 Friday 22nd December

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Our last week at school has been full of celebration. The prayer stations that our Year 6 children lead on Monday were a joy for all to participate in- a time for us to reflect on Mary and Joseph's special journey to Bethlehem. Nursery children enjoyed their Christmas party with many games including the Conga around the Nursery room! Reception to Year 6 enjoyed their Christmas parties and some of the retro tunes that Mr McQueen and Mr Kent played in the hall!



On Friday 15^{th} December we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day and we raised £160.00 for Save The Children. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations.

As this year draws to a close, may I start by thanking everyone for their support, kindness and friendship that you have shown to us here at St Benet's. On behalf of all staff, a very big thank you for all of the gifts, cards and love that you have showered us with this Christmas time. I wish you and your wonderful families a very happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

God Bless,

Catherine Harper

Head Teacher

Christmas Mass Times at St Joseph's

Christmas Eve- 6.00pm & Midnight

Christmas Day- 8.30am, 10.00am



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Upcoming Events

January 8

Back to School –all after school clubs start back this week

January 8

Football Skills coaching with Year 3 and Year 5 classes

January 10

Whole School New Year Mass, 9.15am

January 12

Feast of St Benet – As it is the feast day of our patron saint, we will be having a games morning in school. Children can bring one toy into school to play with ie: game, teddy, toy figure etc. Please note that no electronics are allowed.

January 12

Liturgy for the Feast of St Benet, 3pm. Please join us to help celebrate the feast of our patron saint

January 15

New Nursery January Starters begin at St Benet's

January 16

Year 6 SATS Club starts after school (3:30pm-4:30pm)

January 17

Year 4 Mass, 9.15am

January 18

Year 6 SATS Family Learning Session, 9.15am (details to follow)

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Attendance – Autumn Term 2017

Below you will find an outline of the overall attendance percentages for each class for the Autumn term. Well done to our Year 6 children who are the winners this term! Despite all of the bugs this winter term, our attendance still remains at the national average which is brilliant but let's see if we can increase it to 97%+ in the Spring term!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentages</u>
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96.9% (winners)
Overall Attendance	96.1%



A Reflective Christmas Prayer

Father God. When your precious Son became a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem in poverty and simplicity, you changed our world.

As we imagine those surroundings, we join with the shepherds and the wise men in wonder and praise.

We thank you for our material lives, praise you for our spiritual lives, and trust in you for our eternal life. Amen.



Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – Faith Pallister, Ruby Riley, Holly Shotton, Tierney Rogers

Mrs O'Neill- Nogh Robertson Miss Caulfield - Finlay Hunter Mrs Stone - Lucy Hindmarch Miss O'Sullivan - Elena Cherry Mrs Calvert-Lola Wardle Mrs Donaghy - Ava Hill Mrs Malpass – Jessica Wall Mrs Wealleans - Eli Culmer

Mrs Hanley – Isabella Cottle Mr Kent – Joe Lavery Mrs Finley – Tayla Markley

Mrs Tallentire – Teddy Forster-Bowater Mr Rooney - Amy Gibson Mrs McNally - Thomas Wilkie Mrs Bissell- Holly Shotton Mr McQueen- Chloe Young Miss Loughlin - Ryley Noble Mrs Brown - Brooke Seaman Mrs Readman - Emily Allan













