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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

We would like to welcome all Nursery children who have started St Benet's this week along with their families to our wonderful school community. Today, we also welcomed our Reception children into St Benet's in their liturgical worship lead by their Year 6 buddies. We wish all of our Early Years children a very happy time here at St Benet's and many wonderful experiences to come!

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to our welcome evening on Tuesday night. I hope you found the information sharing useful and enjoyed meeting your child's new teacher. If anyone could not attend, but would require any handouts from the evening, please visit your child's class teacher.

Operation Encompass – I just wanted to let parents know that our school is part of Operation Encompass. This means that we will work together with Durham Constabulary as well as Durham County Council to support any child in our school community who may witness any domestic abuse. If an incident occurs and the police are involved, then the school will be automatically informed.



Ullswater Meeting Reminder– there is a meeting for parents of children going on the upcoming Ullswater trip **on Wednesday 20th September at 3.30pm**. For anyone who is unable to attend, please let us know so we can pass all of the relevant information to you.

Harvest Mass– Our annual Harvest Mass with our parish schools, St Joseph's Infants and Junior schools Birtley, shall be held on **Friday 20th October at 10.00am**. Our children in Years 1-6 shall be joining children from the other schools at St Joseph's Church in Birtley. Please come along and support our singing and celebrate this wonderful time of the year with us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Catherine Harper
Head teacher

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Upcoming Events

September 20

Year 5 Mass, 9.15am

September 20

Ullswater Meeting for Parents,
3:30pm

September 21

Y6 Football League starts

September 22

More than Dance working with Y6.
Y6 parents welcome to join

September 27

School Photographs

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Y6 Netball League starts

September 29

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.15am
in the school hall

October 4

Year 3 Mass, 9.15am

October 6

Year 2 Worship, 9.15am

October 9- October 13

Ullswater Residential

October 9- October 13

Other Faiths Week- Judaism

October 11

Year 4 Mass, 9.15am

Statements to Live By

Again, this year, our Monday morning worships begin with a weekly Statement to Live By, which is related to Sunday's Gospel reading and it is reinforced during the school week. Each week, the relevant statement will be mentioned on the weekly newsletter and we kindly encourage parents to reinforce this statement with your child at home.

Statements to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is..

'We are all Special'

If you have time over the upcoming week, talk to your child about why they and other people in their lives are special, drawing on their uniqueness.



Guitar Lessons

We currently have spaces available for Monday night's after school guitar club. It is £3 per session. Please contact the school if interested.

No School Crossing Patrol

There will be no school crossing patrol on St Benet's Way outside school on **Tuesday 19th September**.



Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Jay Wilson**
Miss Caulfield – **Martha Dowson-Jones**
Mrs Rowley – **Charlotte Wilkinson**
Miss Williamson – **William Bradley**
Mr Rooney – **Daniel Charlton**
Mrs McNally – **Zoe Freeman**
Mr McQueen – **Teddy Foster-Bowater**
Mrs Bissell – **Laura Ridley**
Mrs Wealleans – **Henry Vince**
Miss O'Sullivan – **Izaac Maddison**
Mrs Calvert – **Abby Elliott**

Mrs Hanley – **Matthew Hall**
Mrs Stone – **Leah Hill**
Mrs O'Neill – **Madeleine Vince**
Mrs Brown – **William Reed**
Mrs Donaghy – **Thomas Barker**
Mrs Tallentire – **Boe-Olivia Bilton**
Mrs Finley – **Oliver Dodd**
Mrs Malpass – **Olly Burnett**
Mrs Lauder – **George Bell**
Miss Loughlin – **Thomas McMurray**
Mrs Readman – **Lewis Hume**



Notes

Year 6 Open Evenings at Secondary Schools/Academies

Cardinal Hume

Wed 27 September, 6.00pm

St Leonard's

Thursday 5th October
6.00pm

Park View

Thursday 28th September,
6.00pm

Lord Lawson Academy

Thursday 28th September,
5.30pm

Hermitage Academy

Tuesday 26th September,
6.00pm

St Roberts, Washington

Thursday 28th September,
6.00pm

St Bede's, Lanchester

Monday 2nd October, 5.30pm

A correction to last week's house captains mention: **Leah Hill** is the Vice Captain of the St Cuthbert House!



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