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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Happy Monday!

Despite not being in school much last week, it has been wonderful to hear about the learning and lovely activities that the children have been enjoying in school. Thank you to those Year 6 parents who were able to come along to the SATS Family Learning session that Mrs Rowley delivered last week which I am sure that you would have found very useful. We shall be holding the Year 1/2 Family Learning Session this Thursday morning in school, so please come along if you are free and your child is in Year 1 or Year 2. For any parents that were/are unable to attend, copies of all handouts shall be sent home and we will also add them to our school website.

Rainbows Starting Soon

We are busy finalising arrangements for the Rainbows Counselling and Bereavement Sessions in school. For any parents who wish their child to participate, but who have not informed us as of yet, please can you speak to a member of staff before Friday.

Reminder - Dance Festival Tickets- Years 1 & 6, Thursday 29th March

Our children in Years 1 and 6 shall be performing at the Annual Dance Festival held at the Gala Theatre, Durham on Thursday 29th March (performing between 9.20am - 11.45am). **Tickets to this event go on sale at The Gala Theatre on Friday 26th January at 9am.** Tickets can be purchased over the phone, online or in person. They sell out fast so don't miss out!

Best Wishes,

Catherine Harper
Head teacher



January 24

Year 1 Mass, 9.15am

January 25

Year 1/2 SATS/Phonics Family Learning Session, 9.15am

January 26

Reception Class Collective Worship, Reception Classroom, 9.00am

January 27

Year 5/6 Cross Country at Bullion Lane Primary School (please note this is a change of venue to originally planned)

January 31

Year 3 Mass, 9.15am

February 2

NSPCC Number Day- To raise the profile of Maths within school, we are supporting the NSPCC (donation of £1) and having a Maths 'Number' Day in school. Children can come to school dressed in clothing with numbers on eg: football/sporting shirts, t-shirts/ hoodies/ skirts with numbers on or a fancy dress outfit.

February 3

Year 5/6 Cross Country at Langley Park Primary School

February 5

Gibside Meeting for Y4 parents 3:30pm

February 6

Safer Internet Day

February 6

No after school clubs this Tuesday night

February 7

Y4 Gymnastics Carousel at The Louisa Centre (am)

February 8

Break Up for Half Term

Gold Book Winners (last week's- Thursday 18th January)

Miss Caulfield- **Maria McGee**
 Mr Rooney - **Luke Baker**
 Miss Loughlin - **Sonny Hartley**
 Miss Williamson - **Maddison Walsh**
 Mrs Rowley - **Alfie Lauder**
 Mrs Readman - **Cecelia Nichol**
 Mrs Wealleans - **James Kell**
 Mrs Donaghy - **Charlie Hall**
 Miss O'Sullivan - **Sally Stockil**
 Mrs O'Neill - **Lilly Hartley**
 Mrs Finley- **George McMurray**

Mrs Stone- **Lucy Hindmarch**
 Mrs Lauder- **Niamh White**
 Mr McQueen- **Emily Thompson**
 Mrs Calvert- **Charlie Robertson**
 Mrs Malpass - **Joe Boshier**
 Mrs McNally - **Ethan Wray**
 Mrs Brown - **Ciara Drady-Welsh**
 Mrs Tallentire- **Max Hazon**
 Mr Kent- **Grace Poole**
 Mrs Bissell- **Isla Baker**



Wonderful Writing Awards

Wonderful Writing Awards were presented last week in Reward Assembly. Just a reminder to parents that these awards are a new incentive starting this term, where one child in each class will receive an award based on something 'wonderful' that they have included in their writing. This isn't necessarily within a piece of English, but writing within any subject.

ParentPay Payments

January feels like a very long month especially to pay day! Please can we ask that parents check their outstanding balances on ParentPay and ensure that payments for school lunches and after school clubs are paid as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Friends of St Benet's Valentine's Disco

Thursday 8th February 2018,

Nursery to Year 2 - 3.30pm- 4.30pm

Year 3-Year 6- 4:45pm- 6.00pm

£2.50 Ticket including slice of pizza and a drink (on sale from tomorrow)



Mother's Day Mass

Save the date ladies! Please come along to our special Mass on **Wednesday 7th March at 9.15am** that our children are leading for the special ladies in their life!

Statements to Live By

Last week's Statement to Live By was...

'I listen to what they say. I show that I am listening to you'

Talk to children about how we show that we are listening to others and how we are listening to God. Encourage the children to say a prayer of thanks, kindness or forgiveness this week, reminding the children that God is listening to us in our prayers.



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