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Upcoming Events

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

October 13

Year 1 Worship, 9.15am

October 17

Y3 Visit to The Jewish Synagogue,
Gosforth

October 18

Year 6 Mass, 9.15am

October 20

Harvest Mass at St Joseph's Church,
Birtley with our parish schools, 10am

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

It has been a lovely week here at St Benet's, ending with a wonderful liturgical performance by our Year 6 children today who have been working with Kevin and Danielle from 'More than Dance.' I do hope that the parents who joined us enjoyed it as much as we did.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Great British Bake Off is back and so is the nation's favourite coffee morning. Next Friday will be the **Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9.30am** in the school hall. Our Mini Vinnies shall be serving all adults and children. As usual, the children will come into the hall one class at a time. They can see their parents/grandparents then dash back to class. Again, due to space in the hall, we can't have all adults and children in the hall at the same time unfortunately, but you will get to see your child and obviously have one of our lovely cakes. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of cakes to sell at the coffee afternoon and children are welcome to bring some money into school to purchase any cakes. Cakes will be sold at 30p, 50p or £1. Thank you in advance and we hope to see you there.



Cafod Harvest Fast Day

On Friday 6th October, it shall be the Cafod Harvest Fast Day. This year, the Year 2 children shall be leading us in a lovely worship centred around the Harvest but to support the good work of Cafod, all children can come to school in **non-uniform** for a suggested donation of £1.00. We shall be sending home Cafod donation envelopes the week after next for anyone who would like to place their donation inside it. As always, thank you for your kindness.

Nursery Spaces Available

From January 2018, our Nursery will be offering 30 hours provision to those children who are eligible. We currently do have spaces available in our Nursery this term, please spread the word around our local area as our Yellow Room is **the place to be when you're three!**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Harper

Head teacher

Statements to Live By

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This week's Statement to Live By is...

'I can say one good thing about myself'



Ask your child to tell you one good thing about themselves and explain why it makes them special.



Holidays during Term Time

Please can I remind all parents that the government states that holidays should not be taken during term time. Thank you to all parents who complete the leave of absence request form when asking permission for holidays. However, only in very exceptional circumstances shall holidays or leave of absence be authorised. All other holiday requests that families make during term time shall be denied and will be marked in the register as unauthorised. A child with an attendance of 90% or less is viewed as a persistent absentee which can cause concerns, with school and the local authority. The national average for children's school attendance is 96.1%. We appreciate that children do suffer illness throughout the year which does affect attendance rates, but other than illness and other exceptional circumstances, children should be in school every day.



Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Faith Pallister**
Miss Caulfield – **Austin Lauder**
Mrs Rowley – **Maria Garrity**
Miss Williamson – **Kaidence Stobbart**
Mr Rooney – **Hayden Hopper**
Mrs McNally – **Savanna Hill**
Mr McQueen – **Harvey Tocu**
Mrs Bissell – **Aran Huey**
Mrs Wealleans – **Ava Hill**
Miss O'Sullivan – **Fletcher Coxon**
Mrs Calvert – **Maria McGee**

Mrs Hanley – **Freya Cummins**
Mrs Stone – **Sam Watson**
Mrs O'Neill – **Lilly Hartley**
Mrs Brown – **Jasmine Febrillet-Rowe**
Mrs Donaghy – **Zach Wardle**
Mrs Tallentire – **Talia Noble**
Mrs Finley – **Zara Blondrage**
Mrs Malpass – **Olivia Reed**
Mrs Lauder – **Callum Simmons**
Miss Loughlin – **Jack Reay**
Mr Kent – **Jimmy Simcox & Maddison Walsh**

Toddlers Back Next Week!

The toddler group ran by our lovely childminders is back from Tuesday in the school hall. If you have any younger children, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday and Thursdays at 9.00am.

Parent's Evening Letters

Parent's evening shall be held on **Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November**. Letters were sent out this week to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. If you did not receive one, please call into the school office.

Well done Mrs Hanley!

Well done to Mrs Hanley who was a runner up in the HLTA North's Outstanding HLTA of the Year Award 2017! What an amazing achievement!



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