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Upcoming Events

November 6 & 7

Parents' Evenings

November 8

Year 4 Class Trip to Segedunum

November 10

Year 6 Collective Worship 9.15am followed by Year 6 joining in a Remembrance Service at Ouston Community Centre at 10.30am

November 13

NSPCC 'Online Safety' Workshop for parents, 2pm

November 16

Friends of St Benet's Meeting, 3:30pm (Everyone is welcome to attend- it would be lovely to see some new faces)

November 17

Children in Need- non uniform day. To support this event, children can come to school dressed in non-uniform (and any Pudsey ears) for a suggested donation of £1.

November 17

Year 3 Collective Worship, 9.15am

November 20

Year to Cardinal Hume (am) – to take part in a young enterprise session

November 22

Year 1 Mass, 9.15am

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

I hope you all had a wonderful autumnal half term break and are feeling excited for this final and action packed half term of 2017. Thank you to those who joined us for our whole school Mass on Wednesday for the feast of All Saints. During this month of November, may we remember the good qualities of all saints as well as peacefully remembering those who have gone before us.

Y6 Remembrance Liturgy

Our Year 6 children shall be leading us in a Remembrance liturgy on **Friday 10th November** at 9.15am and everyone is very welcome to join us. We won't be serving tea and coffee after this liturgy but instead, we ask any parents and carers to walk with our Year 6 children to Ouston Community Centre, where we shall be joining other primary schools in the area to participate in the community remembrance event.



NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for Parents

Please join us on **Monday 13th November at 2pm** where we shall be holding an Online Safety workshop for parents, lead by the NSPCC. Refreshments shall be provided.

Shoebox Deadline

Thank you to those families who have already donated a shoebox to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. For anyone else wishing to donate a shoebox, please can they be returned to school by **Tuesday 14th November**. Thank you in advance.

Y4/Y6 Christmas Boom whacker/Drumming Performance

On **Tuesday 12th December**, straight after the Junior Christmas Play starting at 2pm, our Year 4 and Year 6 children shall lead us in a Christmas performance of carols, songs and tunes using boom whackers and African drums. Please come along and join us. The performance shall be no longer than 30 minutes.

The next newsletter shall be distributed on **Friday 17th November**. I hope those attending fireworks this weekend, have a wonderful time. Wrap up warm and stay safe!

Catherine Harper

Head teacher

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Statements to Live By

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



'I try to be just and fair'

Talk to your children about what the word 'Justice' means and how we can show examples of Justice in our lives.



Firework Safety

Our Mini Police delivered a wonderful presentation this week about keeping safe around fireworks. Please ask your child to tell you what they have found out about firework safety in advance of this weekend.



A Reminder of the Festive Dates (and some new ones)

Friday 1st December- 'Peter Pan' Theatre Royal Trip for children in Years 1-6 (1.00-5.00pm) Please note that children will arrive back at school for approximately 5pm.

Friday 1st December- Friends of St Benet's Christmas Family Night (6.00-9.00pm)

Sunday 3rd December - First Day of Advent

Wednesday 6th December- Whole School Advent Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 7th December - Jesse Tree Service, 2pm at St Joseph's Church (Reception to Y2)

Friday 8th December- Year 4 Collective Worship, 9.15am

Monday 11th December- Key Stage 1 Christmas Plays, 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 12th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Plays, 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 12th December - Y4/Y6 Christmas Boom whacker Performance (after KS2 play)

Wednesday 13th December- Nursery/Reception Christmas Play, 10am and 2pm

Friday 15th December- Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th December- Prayer Stations in school (delivered in houses)

Tuesday 19th December- Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (pm)

Wednesday 20th December - Nursery Christmas Parties (morning and afternoon)

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (pm)

Friday 22nd December - Carol Service, 1pm and break up for the Christmas holidays

Inhaler Checks

Please can you ensure that if children have taken inhalers home over a half term break or over the holidays that they are returned to school. We should have an inhaler kept in school for every child who has asthma.

Wish Tokens

Mrs Gorman, our Irish Dancing Teacher, has asked us to let you know that she is collecting 'The Evening Chronicle Wish Tokens' which will go towards the fantastic Irish dancing club that she leads. If anyone receives any wish tokens from The Evening Chronicle, we have a wish token box in school for you to place them into. Many thanks.

Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – Emily McMurray and Callum Simmons Mrs Hanley – Lilly Hartley

Miss Caulfield – Nathan Seddon

Mrs O'Neill- Tommie Johnson

Miss Williamson - Alfie Balfour

Mrs Brown- Dominik Kadziora

Mr Rooney – Poppy Bainbridge

Mrs Donaghy- Eli Culmer

Mrs McNally -Marley Jones

Mrs Tallentire- Hollie Kelly

Mr McQueen- Lola Nicholson

Mrs Finley – Emily Thompson

Mrs Bissell – Jay Wilson

Mrs Malpass- Rebecca Watson

Mrs Weddleans – Freya Monaghan

Mr Kent- Grace Drady-Welsh

Miss O'Sullivan – Elizan Ekinci

Miss Loughlin- James Carroll

Mrs Lauder - Joseph Makepeace

Mrs Stone- Maria Garrity

School Crossing Patrol Update

As you will have noticed, we still do not have a school crossing patrol and Durham County Council have not had any interest in filling this position. Please can you also keep Rob, our lollipop man in your prayers as he is still unwell.



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