

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

### November 20

Year 6 to Cardinal Hume (am) – to take part in a young enterprise session

### November 22

Year 1 Mass, 9.15am

### November 24

Youth Friday

### November 27

Assessment Week begins for Years 1-6

### November 29

Year 2 Mass, 9.15am

### December 1

Year 5 Worship, 9.15am

### December 1

Peter Pan Pantomime Trip, Years 1-6.  
Mr Windbags to visit Early Years.

### December 1

Friends of St Benet's Christmas Family Night, 6.00pm- 9.00pm

### December 5

Year 6 trip to Eden Camp

### December 5

Early Years' Trip to 'Down at the Farm' (am)

### December 6

Whole School Advent Mass, 9.15am

### December 7

Jesse Tree Service, 2pm (Reception to Year 2) at St Joseph's Church

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

Thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox to the Operation Christmas Child appeal this year. 72 shoeboxes were collected by The Samaritan's Purse this week which is fantastic! Today, as we came to school in non-uniform, we also raised **£220.50** for the Children in Need appeal. We appreciate that this is an expensive time of the year, but as always, thank you for supporting the charities which assist those young people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

## Choir Singing at Beamish

Our school choir are such a fantastic credit to our school. Not only have they made the **final of the Durham School Choir Competition 2017** (singing on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December) they shall be singing at **Beamish tomorrow at 11am** in the chapel. Beamish shall officially start Christmas this weekend with their parade so if you are feeling festive, please come along and join us in singing some Christmas carols in the chapel at 11am.



## Theatre Royal Pantomime/Mr Windbags/Christmas Jumpers

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, children in Years 1-6 shall be watching Peter Pan at the Theatre Royal. Mr Windbags, the magician, shall also be visiting children in Reception and Nursery in school. Both activities have been heavily supported financially with thanks to the Friends of St Benet's. As this is a Christmas event, the children can come to school in their **Christmas Jumpers** and non-uniform on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We are not fundraising on this day, but please note that we are still celebrating 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December fundraising for the Save the Children campaign. All children can come to school on both Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in their Christmas Jumpers. **We are expecting to arrive back from the pantomime between 5.00pm and 5.30pm.**

## Friends of St Benet's Xmas Family Night- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December

Please read the attached electronic letter regarding the Friends of St Benet's Christmas Family Night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, straight after the pantomime. We shall see you there!

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

## Statements to Live By

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



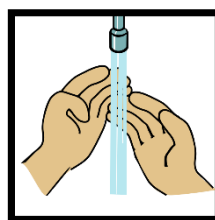
*'I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt'*

Read the story of 'The Good Samaritan' with your child and ask them to tell you how we show acts of mercy and be Good Samaritans.



## Washing Hands Correctly

During the Summer term, Donna Scott (our school nurse) came to school to deliver an assembly on how to wash our hands properly. At this time of year particularly, when germs are spreading and colds are catching, it is important that hands are washed correctly after toilet trips. In school, staff are finding that they are still having to remind children to wash their hands after they have been to the toilet. We are therefore asking parents and carers to support us with this, by speaking to your child about how to wash their hands correctly. Thank you!



## Free School Meals

If your personal or financial circumstances have changed and you are curious about whether your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Readman. Please note that if your child is eligible, your child will receive other funding to support their education during their time at school.

## Wish Tokens Reminder

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 – Tierney Rogers  
Miss Caulfield – Hermione Clennell  
Miss Williamson – Robyn Oakes  
Mr Rooney – Callum Simmons  
Mrs McNally – Oliver Pinkney  
Mr McQueen – Joe Sizeland  
Mrs Bissell – Charlie Soulsby  
Mrs Wealleans – Catherine McGee  
Miss O'Sullivan – Amelia Conway  
Mrs Lauder – George McMurray

Mrs Hanley – Charlie Robertson  
Mrs O'Neill – Jacob Wall  
Mrs Brown – Emily Wilson  
Mrs Donaghy – Gracie Chambers  
Mrs Tallentire – Effie Scott  
Mrs Finley – Jack Revell  
Mrs Malpass – Robyn Wall  
Mr Kent – James Reay  
Miss Loughlin – Lewis Hume  
Mrs Stone – Amelia Kelly

