

# St Benet's RC Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

### 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-  
**Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers/non-uniform this day**

### 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

### December 7

Choir singing at Ushaw College for the Choir Competition

### December 9

Year 4 Worship, 9.15am

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

Firstly, a HUGE thank you and well done to our school choir for their beautiful singing at Beamish on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. As always, they sang beautifully and their efforts were praised by many visitors to Beamish. Our choir have made the final of the **Durham School Choir Competition** and they shall be attending Ushaw College on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Wish them luck! Year 1 lead us in a wonderful Eucharistic Service on Wednesday where they focused on the talents that God has given them. Today is **Youth Friday**, a day celebrated by Catholic schools all over our diocese. The theme of this year's Youth Friday is **YES LORD!** We are praising Mary for saying Yes to God for agreeing to be the mother of Jesus. We are also thinking of our own special talents and considering in the stillness and peace of Christ, how we can say YES to God too.

## The Travelling Crib

During **Advent**, which starts next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we shall be sending home our Travelling Cribs. As a family, it is a time for you to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas by considering the journey that Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. They shall be sent home with your child for one night only and in order to ensure that all children in the class receive this family opportunity, please return them promptly the following day.



## Collective Worship after Christmas

The 'Come and See' programme for Religious Education that we follow here in school, encourages many forms of liturgical worship. After Christmas, our Friday collective worship shall be celebrated in the classroom instead of the school hall and shall be celebrating the topic that the children are covering about in Come and See. The liturgies shall be more personal, celebrated only with the class and their parents/carers. *Dates of collective worship and other Spring term events shall be distributed very soon.*

## Christmas Family Night - next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Friends of St Benet's Christmas family night next Friday. It is going to be a one to remember!

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

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## Statements to Live By

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



*'I can laugh and have fun'*

'Laughter is the best medicine!' Tell some jokes at the dinner table and speak to your child about what makes them laugh! ☺

Website

E-mail

## The Good Morning God Prayer

Our school chaplain, Mrs Sammut, shared a wonderful prayer with staff this morning. Over the weekend, I encourage you to share it together as a family.

Good Morning God!

You are ushering in another day,  
untouched and freshly new.

So here I am to ask you, God,  
if You'll renew me too.

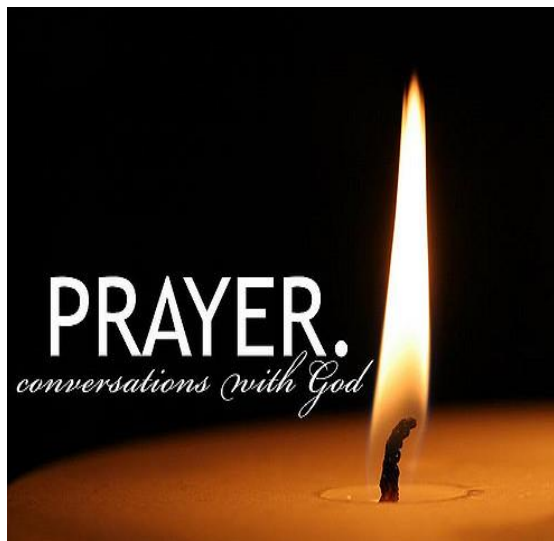
Forgive the many errors that I  
made yesterday

and let me try again dear God  
to walk closer in Your way.

But Lord, I am well aware,  
I can't make it on my own.

So take my hand and hold it tight,  
for I cannot walk alone.

Amen



## Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – Maria Garrity

Mrs Readman - Eli Culmer

Miss Caulfield – Matthew Hall

Miss Williamson - Sophie Hazon

Mr Rooney – Faye Burnett

Mrs McNally -Zara Khan

Mr McQueen- Molly Sykes

Mrs Bissell – Leah Burrell

Mrs Wealleans –Mia Birney

Miss O'Sullivan –James Wilkie

Mrs Calvert- Charlie Soulsby

Mrs Hanley – Callum Simmc

Mrs Stone- Ruaridh McEwan

Mrs O'Neill- Millie Walsh

Mrs Brown- Alice Gowland

Mrs Donaghy- Larna Hall

Mrs Tallentire- Mya Milewski

Mrs Finley – Mya Milewski

Mrs Malpass- Holly Rutherford

Mr Kent- Olivia Lavick

Miss Loughlin- Isla Ash



## School Website Updates

Mrs Finley and Miss Harper have been busy adding new things to the school website. Please take a look at it at [www.st-benets.durham.sch.uk](http://www.st-benets.durham.sch.uk).

As well as the photos on the home page of our beautiful children, please click on your child's year group for more information about the curriculum topics for Autumn, Spring and Summer.

Information about leader groups, school performance, spending etc is also available. Any letters which are sent out to parents can also be accessed under the section 'Letters to Parents.'

## Parking on Zig Zag Lines

We have had more complaints about parking on the zig zag lines outside of school (especially in the absence of Rob, our school crossing patrol). Please remember that this area is not permitted.



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