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Upcoming Events

March 25 - Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

March 26 - Wear some purple clothes/an item of purple clothing for Lent/Holy Week

March 26 -Fun Fitness Classes for Y5/Y6 (am) Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

March 27 -Friends of St Benet's Easter Disco (tickets on sale from Monday £2.50 per ticket)

March 27 -Decorate an Egg competition (see information overleaf)

March 28 -Mass for Holy Week, 9.15am

March 29 -Gala Theatre Dance Festival, Y1/Y6 (am)

March 29 -Stations of the Cross, 2:30pm & Break Up for Easter

April 16 - Children return to school

April 18 - People of the Parish Mass (Y6 to join), 9.15am

April 19 - Y3 Trip to Hancock Museum

April 19 - Rainbows starts (to those relevant children) 3:30pm -4.15pm

April 20 - Parliament Morning in school (assembly for children Y3-6 and workshop for Y5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Praise, Pride and Positivity

This week has been assessment week in school and our children in Years 1 to Year 6 have been working very hard, completing tasks in such a positive and determined manner. The Spring term is one of the best for a teacher to truly see the progress that the children are making during the school year. We don't use one test to give an overall judgement of the child's attainment each term; work in the children's books is the favourable form of assessment, however we are very proud of our children this week. They deserve praise for their continuous effort!



Sporting Activities at St Benet's

This week some of our Year 5 children have been working with the Durham School Sports Partnership (SSP) and finding out how to be super playground leaders. Our Year 6 children were also joined by Gemma from the SSP supporting them in their rehearsal for the dance festival next week at The Gala Theatre. Year 1 enjoyed this time with Gemma last week. Best of luck Year 1 and Year 6 at the Dance Festival on **Thursday 29th March**- you'll be brilliant! Please read the Summer diary dates for more information about sporting events coming up!



Wear Something Purple for Lent

Please remember that we are wearing something purple on Monday. This can be non-uniform with something purple in one item or a whole purple ensemble. We are celebrating being in school for Holy Week which only happens every few years. It is a lovely time to be in school. Please join us for our **whole school Mass on Wednesday 28th March** and our **Stations of the Cross service on Thursday 29th March at 2.30pm.**

Don't forget to put your clocks forward this weekend!

Kindest regards,
Catherine Harper (Head teacher)

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Statements to Live By

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



'I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help'

We all need help with something at one time or another. Talk to your child about times at school, home, with friends etc when they may need to ask for help. It's ok to ask for help, we all do it!



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Melanoma Me Parent's Workshop

In memory of the beautiful and much loved Amanda Seymour, we have paired up with Melanoma Me and are holding an awareness session for parents and carers. Please come along and meet people from the charity that was very close to Amanda's heart to find out about melanoma and what we can do to prevent it. The workshop shall be held on **Friday 27th April, 9.15am**. Tea, coffee and sweet treats shall be served.

Rights Respecting Schools

I am delighted to say that our school has achieved the Unicef UK Rights Respecting School Award at the Bronze Level. We are now aiming for the Silver Level in the upcoming months as we continue on the Rights Respecting journey.

Gold Book Winners (Thursday 22nd March)



Miss Harper- **Francesca Nichol**
Miss Caulfield- **Daisy Nicholson**
Mrs Lauder- **Elli Shaw**
Miss Loughlin – **Tommie Johnson**
Miss Williamson – **Jimmy Simcox**
Mrs Rowley – **Louie Russell**
Mrs McNally – **Noah Robertson**
Mrs Brown – **Austin Lauder**
Mrs Donaghy- **Esmie Stephenson**
Miss O'Sullivan – **Lucas Hopper**
Mrs Readman – **Joe Hogarth**

Mr Kent- **James Reay**
Mrs Stone- **Zaina Chowdhury**
Mrs Bissell- **Daniel Shickle**
Mr McQueen- **Poppy Bainbridge**
Mrs Hanley- **Lilly Hartley**
Mrs Malpass – **Sophie Davison**
Mr Rooney- **Ruaridh McEwen**
Mrs Finley- **Sonny Hartley**
Mrs Tallentire- **Elizan Ekinci**
Mrs Wealleans- **Larna Hall**

Don't forget to decorate an Easter egg and bring it into school on Monday for a £1.00 donation ☺

Reception are the attendance winners this week – **99.7%**



Library Books- Return by Monday

Please can you ensure that your child returns their library book by Monday 26th March. All books must be returned.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to a very kind parent, Mr Lauder (who has donated lots of Easter eggs to the school), we shall be holding an Easter Raffle next week. Tickets shall be sold by our Mini Vinnies next week starting after school on Monday.



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