

Newsletter



Just a few thanks, reminders and dates for your diaries!

Christmas fair Thurs 4th Dec: at 3.30 after school we would love every one to come. There will be festive treats and we know that you will have a great time celebrating the winter Wonderland with us.



No nuts : St. Benet's is a nut free zone.

Can we respectfully remind you that no one should bring into school anything food containing nuts. We have children at school who are severely allergic to nuts.

Can you double check your child's packed lunches and their morning snack. Thank you.



Sssshhhhh: On Friday 12th someone special is coming into school. Don't tell anyone that he might pay a visit to nursery and reception. Only for the little ones!

The night of 1000 candles: At St Benet's Church on Sunday 14th December at 6pm. Our Year 2 & 6 children are going to be singing. All are welcome.



Early Years' Nativity: Wednesday 10th December. Mr Alderson's Class & Morning Nursery at 10am and Miss Allison's Class & Afternoon Nursery at 2pm. Entry by ticket.



PTA Present Sale: Our PTA have organised our annual present sale for next week. The Gift Shop will be open on 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th December. All gifts are wrapped and cost £2. Please remember to bring a carrier bag.

School Pantomime: Our annual panto is taking place in school for all children from Reception to Year 6 on Thurs 11th December. This year it is—Sinbad the Jolly Sailor. Many thanks to the PTA who are paying for this event. All children can bring a small packet of sweets from home.



Nursery Pantomime: Our nursery families are visiting the Customs' House to watch a live performance of Little Red Riding Hood on Thursday afternoon 11th December.

Christmas Lunch: Our Christmas lunch with all of the trimmings is being served on Tuesday 9th December in our school hall.



Our Infant children are Carol singing at Tesco on 2nd, 8th and 9th December. Many thanks to our family helpers and the hospitality of Tesco.



Science: Our Year 5 children continue to have science lessons at St Anthony's Catholic Academy, this month. The children are having a great time and are thoroughly enjoying their sessions.

Our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a hockey tournament. The Year 3 were placed third and the Year 4 came second. Well done to all involved for their excellent attitude.



Centenary Clock: A clock has been erected to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. It is situated at the Wheatsheaf pub junction in Monkwearmouth, the clock is dedicated to the city residents who lost their lives in a Zeppelin raid on Sunderland on April 1 1916. Sixteen people were killed that night and a further six, of the 25 seriously hurt, died at a later date from their injuries. Our head boy and head girl helped Councillors Curran and Jackson plant bulbs which will bloom into red and white flowers in March 2015.



School breaks up Friday 19th December at normal time. We re-open on Monday 5th January 2015.

Anti-bullying: Our whole school took part in this year's Anti-Bullying Week. The children took part in lots of activities in school. We shared these at the end of the week—in our whole school assembly. A very big thank you to Miss Allison for organising the event.



First Holy Communion: Our sacramental programme begins this Sunday 7th December. The children meet the staff in the Parish centre at 9.30am and then they meet their families half-way through 10.30am mass.



Shoe Box Appeal 2014: A huge thank you to our families for the donations of shoeboxes that have been sent into our school. 76 boxes were collected and they have been sent off to children in Belarus. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Nissan Y6
Our Year 6 children are visiting Nissan on Monday 15th December. They are visiting the plant and will be finding out about production, manufacturing and business.



Anti-bullying Performance: Some of our Year 6 children took part in an anti-bullying role-play supported by Dorothy Maddison the anti-bullying Sunderland lead. They performed at Southwick Primary School and Fulwell Infant School—to help spread the message.



Christmas Parties:
Nursery: Tues 16th Dec & Reception
Infant: Wed 17th Dec
Juniors: Thurs 18th Dec



Year 4 swimming is coming to an end this term. The Year 3/4 group begins after Christmas.



Year 5 London Visit
Our Year 5 children have booked up for the exciting opportunity to visit London in April 2015. We have 39 children ready for the visit.



Take-over Day
Our Year 6 children have had experience of a variety of jobs—including the Mayor, Gentoo, office work, caretaker, teaching and being a headteacher. They all were excellent and sensible in their roles. In fact four of them—helped me to write this newsletter and write and deliver a whole school assembly on Monday. Very well done to all of our Year 6 children—you will be ready for the world of work very, very soon!



Author
Craig Bradley came into school last week and the children were thoroughly entertained with his performance poetry and his funny stories.



No clubs in the last week of term. They will begin again the second week back.

School Council Christmas Own Clothes Day:
On Friday 19th December the School Council are inviting the children to come into school dressed in Christmas colours or jumpers or accessories. They are trying to raise money for school funds. Any donations—however small will be gratefully received.



Christmas Carols
In the last week the children will be singing carols they have learned. We are trying to organise a time for our families to join us.



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Remember our website is: <http://stbenetsschoolsunderland.org.uk/>