



St Benet's Catholic Primary School

'A happy and holy place of learning and the centre of a thriving community'

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Head teacher News

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

What an amazing week it has been at St Benet's! It is so good to finally be home! We are still working on corridor displays and have a few more boxes to empty, but school almost feels as if we have never been away! A HUGE thank you to the staff who have stayed late most nights this week to get their classrooms, corridors and Caroline's Library back together and credit to them all, as they all look fantastic!

This year has taught us that school is more than a building, however St Benet's has felt so calm and happy since we have returned this week; the children's behaviour and respectful attitudes in the playground and corridors have been complemented by many staff members and visitors to the school. We are so proud of how well they have adjusted and found their feet with the new routines. Now that we are home, let's make this half term as wonderful as it possibly can be!



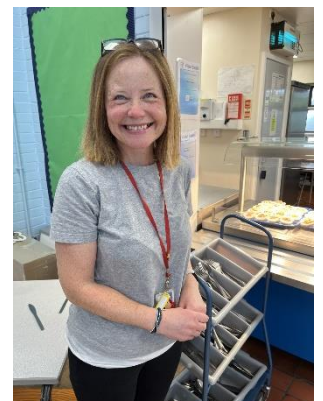
Our Reception children have continued to work in the portacabin but have enjoyed coming into the main building for lunch, using the Infant toilets and PE lessons. Next week will be their last week in the portacabin as we shall fully transition them back into the Reception classroom from Monday 17th June.

Please keep our Year 4 children in your prayers this weekend as they shall make their First Holy Communion, tomorrow.

Best Wishes,
Catherine Young
Head teacher

Thank You Mrs Coulson

Today, we say Goodbye to our lovely lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Coulson, who has worked at St Benet's for the last 14 years. She will be a huge miss but we hope that some of our families will pop into Pelton Library to see her. Good Luck, Mrs Coulson.



Y2/3/4 Beamish Trip

Years 2, 3 and 4 shall enjoy a free trip to Beamish on Wednesday 12th June, courtesy of Durham Rotary Club and their Kids Day Out programme. We are very much looking forward to it. Children will need a packed lunch, comfortable clothing and can bring up to £5 spending money.

Staff News

More staff news! After 34 years of being our wonderful cook, Mrs Lawson shall be hanging up her apron as she retires in the summer term. We will really miss Mrs Lawson and all of the tasty meals that she has served for almost 4 decades.

Breakfast Club Change of Venue

From Monday, Breakfast club shall return to the school hall. Please bring your child to the main entrance from 7:30am. The office is unmanned until 8am and the new doorbell is not as loud since we have had the secure lobby renovated last summer. Therefore, if you ring the bell and there is no answer, please call the Afterschool Mobile Number on **07842431616**.

Tesco Blue Token Rewards

From July until September 2024, I am delighted to say that our school has been selected to be part of the Tesco blue token reward system as part of their 'Stronger Starts' community project aimed at supporting our OPAL area and grounds. Every time you go to the Tesco in Chester-le-Street, you will receive a blue token to place into one of the community projects. Please vote for us as the project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500!



Summer Term Dates for your Diary Reminder

- Saturday 8th June** – First Communion, 10am at St Joseph's Church
- Monday 10th June** – Phonics Screening Check Week
- Wednesday 12th June** – Beamish Trip (gifted trip for Y2/Y3/Y4)
- Wednesday 12th June** – Durham Dash on an evening
- Thursday 13th June** – Y5 Day at St Leonard's
- Monday 17th June** – Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check Week **NEW DATE**
- Wednesday 19th June** – Class Photos **NEW DATE**
- Friday 21st June** – Mass of Thanksgiving, 9:15am, School hall (Whole School)
- Wednesday 26th June** – Y6 to the Youth Mission Village **CHANGE OF DATE**
- Monday 1st July** – Sports Week
- Wednesday 3rd July** – Early Years' Sports Day 10am on the St Benet's school field
- Thursday 4th July** – Book Fair in school
- Friday 5th July** – Y1-6 Sports Day 1.30pm on the St Benet's school field
- Tuesday 9th/ Wednesday 10th July** – Y6 trip to London
- Tuesday 16th July** – Changeover Day (new classes for the day)
- Tuesday 16th July** – Choir Concert (5pm)
- Wednesday 17th July** – Y6 Performance of The Tempest (2pm)
- Thursday 18th July** – Leaver's Mass/ Assembly (am) - TBC
- Friday 19th July** – Break up for Summer
- *Fri 19th** – lunchtime (Teddy bears' picnic on the field) & A Fond Farewell (3:15pm) - to say Goodbye to Y6 and staff

