



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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STOPPING TO LISTEN

This week, as part of our Lenten preparations using the Mini-Vinnies Heart to Heart campaign, the children reflected on the Gospel story of Mary and Martha. Through this story, the children explored the importance of giving our time and attention to others. While Martha was busy serving, Mary chose to stop and listen to Jesus, reminding us that sometimes the most important thing we can do is pause, listen and be present for one another.

SHE HAD A SISTER NAMED
MARY, WHO SAT AT THE
LORD'S FEET LISTENING
TO HIS MESSAGE.
- LUKE 10:39

Building on our Lenten journey so far – noticing others and sharing what we have – the children thought about how giving someone our time can help them feel valued and less alone. Throughout the week they reflected on simple ways they can show kindness, such as listening carefully, including others and offering encouragement.

SCHOOL VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

As mentioned last week, we are currently in the process of reviewing our school mission, vision and values. This is something schools should do periodically to ensure that these statements remain relevant, meaningful and reflective of the community they serve. Our current version can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The staff team have spent time to revise our School Vision, Mission and Values and we would like it if you could take a few minutes to review our new statements to say whether you agree or disagree with them. There is also the option for you to contribute your thoughts or comments.

Please use the link below to do this. Your views are very important to ensure we shape a mission, vision and set of values that truly reflect our whole school community. Our school rules of 'We are ready. We are respectful. We are safe' will remain in place.

[CLICK HERE FOR TO RESPOND](#)

PARENT AND TEACHER MEETINGS

Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 24th March. Like the Autumn Term, all appointments will be held on one evening. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making this academic year. If you require a longer appointment (for example, if your child is on the SEN Register or you have specific matters to discuss), please contact the school office directly. If you are unable to attend on the evening, please get in touch with the school office to arrange an alternative time. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book your appointment.

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION - ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

We are excited to invite everyone to create their own Easter Garden, a miniature scene representing the Easter story using natural materials such as moss, twigs, pebbles and flowers.

Please bring your completed garden by Thursday 26th March and drop-off at the school gate. All entries will be displayed in St Benet's Church over Easter for everyone in the community to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to take part. ♥ Suggested donation to enter: £1

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations celebrating the themes of spring, growth, and new life 🌸🌿



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Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

SCHOOL FOR PEACE – QUIZ EVENING

Join us for a fun Quiz Evening on Saturday 14th March from 7–9pm at the Sea Cadet HQ, Fen Lane, Beccles. We're delighted to welcome experienced quizmaster Jeff Hoyle for what promises to be a great night. Tickets are £6 and include entry to the quiz, with a raffle and refreshments available on the night. Drinks will be on sale or feel free to bring your own. There is plenty of parking available.

All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our new classrooms, so every ticket really does make a difference. To book tickets, please email: congoschool4peace@gmail.com or contact Mary: 07932 576399.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION

We are pleased to share that our after-school club provision has now been running for three weeks and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the activities and time together at the end of the school day. The club is led by Mrs Emma Yeatman, who has quickly become a familiar face in school and has enjoyed getting to know the children. This week they had fun making slime and some interesting creations with homemade play doh!

There are still spaces available, so if you would like your child to attend, bookings can be made easily through the Wisepay system. Families can book individual days or full weeks, depending on what works best for them.

Our Breakfast Club also continues to run each morning from 7:45am, offering a calm and welcoming start to the day. Bookings for this can also be made online through Wisepay. If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Monday 16th – Stay and Pray – Beech Class

Thursday 19th – Forest School – Y3

Friday 20th – Oak Class Mass – 11am

Tuesday 24th – Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 26th – Forest School – Y2

Friday 27th – School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

Monday 13th – School Opens

Thursday 16th – Forest School – Y1/R

Thursday 23rd – Forest School – Y1/R