



THE ST. BENET'S NEWSLETTER

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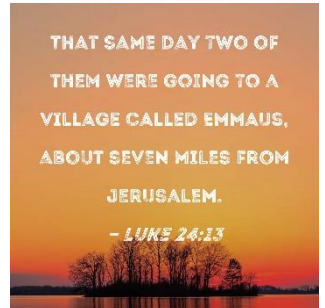
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NEW EYES

This week at St Benet's, our worship focused on the story of the Road to Emmaus, where the disciples came to recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The children explored how, like the disciples, we sometimes need help to truly see and understand, and how Jesus opens our eyes to His presence in our lives.

Through prayer and reflection, the children have also been encouraged to follow this example by showing kindness to others. Small acts, such as walking alongside someone, offering help or simply listening, can make a real difference and help others to feel supported and valued within our community.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

The class newsletters for this term were circulated this week. These are useful in detailing what is happening in your child's class this term and what they will be learning. If you didn't receive a copy of this, please contact the school office.

PTFA EASTER GARDENS COMPETITION

Thank you to our PTFA for organising our Easter Garden Competition. We were all very impressed by the standard of entrants. They have all been on display in church over the Easter period and Fr. Simon and Fr. Sam were asked to judge and select the winners. Last Friday, the winning two entrants were announced in Celebration Assembly. In second place was Willow W (Rowan Class) who secured a prize of £5 and the winner was Charlotte (Beech Class) who secured the winning prize of £10. Well done to both our winners and a big thank you to everyone for entering!

A reminder that all Easter Gardens can be collected from the front alcove of the church before Celebration Assembly today.

NURSERY DEVELOPMENT - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REMINDER

If you are interested in a place in our Nursery from September, please visit our school website and click on the 'Nursery' tab for more information and to complete the expression of interest form. We would also appreciate you sharing this with others in the community who would benefit from this new provision.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Next week, we will be sending attendance letters out to parents whose children are currently classed as being persistently absent or regularly late. If you would like to come into school and discuss the content of the letter with me so that we can work together to improve attendance, please contact the school office.

Ensuring all our children have the best chance of achieving their potential at school is our main priority and good attendance is pivotal to this success. Our current whole school attendance for this academic year is **93.5%** which is well below our school target of **97%** and also below the national average of **94.8%**.

Please make every effort during this last term to support your child's regular attendance at school. If your child is a little bit under the weather, please send them into school, inform the school office or class teacher and we can monitor them and contact you during the day if required. Thank you for your support.



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KEY STAGE 2 SATS – UPCOMING

A reminder that Key Stage 2 SATs Week is fast approaching. Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown in preparing for these assessments.

SATs will take place during the WB Monday 11th May and we ask that all Year 6 pupils arrive on time each day and are well rested, having had a good breakfast. A calm and positive start to each day will really support them in doing their best.

We will continue to reassure the children that these assessments are just one way of showing what they know and we are confident they will approach the week with confidence. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support.

BOHEMIAN CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT ST BENET'S

We are pleased to share that the Bohemian University Choir will be performing at St Benet's Church, Beccles on Saturday 2nd May at 4:00pm. Admission is free, with donations gratefully received, supporting both the choir and the St Benet's Restoration Fund.

The choir is made up of students from the Czech Republic who share a passion for singing and performing together. Their programme includes a wide range of music, from classical choral pieces to modern works and traditional Czech folk songs, offering a wonderful insight into their musical culture.

This promises to be a warm and uplifting event, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The choir enjoy meeting their audiences, making it a lovely opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy an afternoon of music.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Tuesday 28th – Rotary Schools Quiz

Thursday 30th – Oak Class Time and Tide Museum Trip

MAY

Sunday 3rd – First Holy Communion Mass at St. Edmund's, Bungay at 9:15am

Monday 4th – SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 1)

WB Monday 11th – KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 14th – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 2)
– Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension Day

Monday 18th – May Flower Procession at 2pm

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 21st – Year 4 Oulton Broad Water Sports Trip (Group 3)

Friday 22nd – School Closes for Half-Term

JUNE

Monday 1st – School Opens

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th – Year 6 Residential Visit