

ST. BENET'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

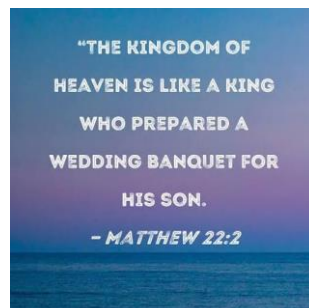


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COME TO THE PARTY!

This week at St Benet's, we have been reflecting on Jesus' parable of the wedding feast. Jesus uses the story to help us understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is like and reminds us that God invites each of us to share in His love. An invitation is something special. It tells us that we are wanted, valued and included. God's invitation is open to everyone, but Jesus challenges us to think about how we respond to it. Saying 'Yes!' to God is not simply about what we say – it is about the choices we make, the way we treat others and how we live our lives.



Our values of Faith, Compassion and Resilience give us a wonderful way to respond to God's invitation. We can show our faith through the choices we make, demonstrate compassion by welcoming and caring for others and show resilience by continuing to do what is right even when it is difficult. As we continue through the term, let us remember that every day gives us opportunities to say 'Yes!' to God – through kindness, generosity, forgiveness and the way we support one another. Let us make sure that everyone in our St Benet's family knows that they are welcome at the party!

Next week, we will continue our journey through the Gospel as Jesus teaches us about living out our responsibilities and making wise choices, reminding us to give to God what belongs to God. Heart of Gold next week is for Humility.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Our Autumn Term Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 20th October in school. A letter with detailed information was shared today via ClassDojo! The online booking form will open at 9:00am on Monday. A reminder and the booking information will also be shared via ClassDojo.

Appointment times will be sent home with children on Friday 16 October. The meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and to share their progress so far this term.

If you feel you need a longer appointment, perhaps because your child is on the SEN Register or you have something specific you would like to discuss, please contact the school office. If you are unable to attend on 20th October, please also speak to the office and we will arrange an alternative time.

We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's progress and wellbeing.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY & FOODBANK DONATIONS

Next Friday, we will be holding our Harvest Assembly during Celebration Assembly and we warmly invite all parents to join us. We will be starting at the slightly earlier time of 2:40pm.

In the spirit of giving, we are collecting donations for our local foodbank. Items can be brought into school throughout next week so please feel free to send in anything you can contribute. A letter with more information was sent home earlier this week. We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate the harvest and support those in need.

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION - URGENT

A reminder that the deadline for returning the Pupil Contact Information Sheets is today. If you haven't submitted yours, please can we ask you do this asap to reduce the administrative burden on our office staff who will have to chase up missing forms.



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FREE FAMILY MATHS WORKSHOP

Information was sent out this week about a FREE family maths workshop being run in school by Realise Futures. The session will explore fun and practical ways to support your child's maths skills through games, crafts and activities.

Tuesday, 13th October

- EYFS & KS1 (Y R-2): 9.00–11.00am
- KS2 (Y3–6): 1.00–3.00pm

Places will be limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Full details and booking information were posted on Dojo this week.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We are really pleased with our children's attendance so far this academic year. Although we are still at an early stage, our attendance is currently tracking close to the national average, which is a fantastic start. This is very much thanks to the support and commitment of our parents and carers in ensuring that children are in school and ready to learn each day.

We do, however, have a small number of children who are currently classed as persistently absent, meaning their attendance is below 90%. Letters will be shared with the families concerned over the coming days to highlight this and offer support where needed. We would also like to remind families that children should generally be in school if they are a little under the weather but well enough to participate in the school day. Last week, we shared guidance on ClassDojo to help parents decide whether their child is 'too ill for school'. Please refer to this guidance if you are unsure whether your child should attend.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Every day in school matters, and together we can continue to give our children the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and flourish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME – FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in Years 3–6, you may wish to consider enrolling them in the parish's Sacramental Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2027. If you would like your child to take part or would like to learn more, please e-mail Fr. Simon (simon.blakesley@rcdea.org.uk) or complete a yellow enrolment form, available at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Friday 16th – Beech Class Mass at 11am

– Harvest Assembly (inc. Celebration Assembly) at 2:40pm

Tuesday 20th – Marina Theatre Assembly and Workshops

– Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 21st – PTFA Spooky Bake Sale after school

Thursday 22nd – Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

– School Closes for Half-Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd – School Opens