

Issue 9 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful book week. Children have explored a number of quests, decorated their classroom doors with their book week book, been taught reading by our school librarians throughout the day and scoured the school for the golden book. Many thanks to Miss Howell for organising it.

Mr Binney from Medway Council has discussed road safety with Year 1 who were also taken on a walk around the local area, discussing ways to stay safe.

Thank you for the photographs of the loved ones who have passed away. Please continue to send them in. During November, we especially remember those who have died in our prayers.

Year 5 and 6 took part in an interactive webinar for the Tomorrows Engineer's Week Big Assembly, which brought together thousands of people online at the same time to know what science technology, engineering and maths (STEM) could mean for them.

Congratulations to the Basketball team who competed in this year's Medway Mini Youth Games. A good day was had by all.

Next week is Maths week – England Rock Out from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will be participating in a national challenge on Times Table Rock Stars. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for further information.

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need. We will not be making any collections but the children are welcome to wear Children In Need merchandise if they wish.

Mrs Read needs some good quality, child-sized coat hangers. If you have any spare, please could you send them in for our dressing up rail.

The school has been given some free tickets for Gillingham V Lincoln on 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like a couple of tickets please contact the office. These will be given out on a first-come-first served basis.

Please ensure that you complete the online form you were sent via Parentmail to give consent for your child to have the flu immunisation on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/childhood-flu-immunisation-consent-form/>

Children whose parents have not completed the form by 13<sup>th</sup> November will not be immunised in school.

A reminder that after-school clubs finish at 4.20 pm. Please collect your child promptly.

I look forward to seeing you at next Wednesday's SBA AGM at 7.30pm in the school hall

Yours sincerely



Mrs J. Burford



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
Yr Height /Weight

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Whole School flu immunisation

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Advent Mass 2pm  
Carol Concert Rochester (choir)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Tag Day (chocolate)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas shop  
Infant Dress rehearsal for grandparents

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Infant play 9am  
Crafternoon SBA event

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Grandparent's tea

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Infant play 2pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
KS1 Brooke Theatre  
Tag Day (bottles)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Achievement Assembly 9.10 am  
Christmas dinner  
Christmas Market 3pm-5pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
KS2 Mass 10am at St. Simon Stock  
KS2 Carol concert 1.30pm  
KS2 Carol Concert 7pm St Simon Stock

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day 2.30 pm Finish

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
INSET DAY

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Children return to school



8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear parent/carer,

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and ensure it has a high profile in our school, we are taking part in a competition next week that is part of Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2019 and it's all done online via [play.trockstars.com](http://play.trockstars.com).

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

What's the prize you ask? A TTRS Pizza Party Special, of course! This will be awarded to the top 3 classes in the country.

Thanks for your support and good luck children!

Mrs McAlpine