



# ALL SAINTS BENHILTON NEWSLETTER

May 12, 2017

## Headteacher

We have had a very busy few weeks here at school and, as always, the children have surpassed themselves within school and in the community. They are a credit to you all and we are so very proud of them.

This week Y6 all sat their end of KS2 tests and the children were all absolutely amazing - they approached the tests calmly and confidently and we are now able to celebrate the fact that the tests have all been completed (even though the learning will continue until the end of July!). We are all really proud of the children; they have all worked SO hard.

I would like to thank the Year 6 parents/carers for ensuring that your children were all at school on time during SATs week, ready to sit their tests—it ensured that the children all had a calm start to their day. It was wonderful to see so many participating in the early breakfast - the staff and I cannot get over how much they can eat!

A couple of weeks ago our Year 6 Top of the Form team attended the final at Avenue School and after an intense and tough competition I am delighted to inform you that they were victorious. Well done and congratulations to them and a huge thank you to Ms Farley for her encouragement and support.

Next week our Year 2 children will be completing their assessments and I would encourage you to allow them to have a calm, relaxed and fun weekend. I have been impressed with their maturity and confidence as they have prepared to do the best that they can do —well done to them all.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend together. It doesn't seem possible that we are almost at the end of this half term.

*Mrs J Whelan-Cox*



This week's  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
IS  
**Emily Mann**  
(Beech)  
**Skye Arnold**  
(Rowan)



## Attendance



**Our current attendance figure for w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May is: 96.4%**

**Our target attendance figure is 96.4%**

## NOTES/ REMINDERS:

- It has been brought to my attention that children are bringing in biscuits and cakes at playtime, I would like to remind you that we are a Healthy School (thanks to Mrs Stanley Bristowe we have recently gained the 'Silver' Healthy School Award) and children should only have fruit at this time. On a similar note I am aware that there has been some inconsistency with children handing out cakes and sweets to celebrate their birthday. The school policy is that if you wish to celebrate your child's special day with a gift we would like that gift to be a book for the class. We will put a sticker inside the book with your child's name so that we will always remember their birthday gift to the school.
- For health and safety reasons only soft, sponge balls should be brought into school.
- **CAR PARKING** - please be sensitive to our neighbours when you are parking to drop-off or collect your child/children. I have received reports of near accidents and our neighbours not being able to get out of their driveways.
- Only toys that can fit into a pocket should be brought into school.

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation 😊



Please keep sending in any Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you have at home as we will be collecting them up to **30th June**.



## Year 1 Fire Brigade Visit

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 were lucky enough to have the local fire brigade come in to visit us as our topic is Superheroes. Firefighter Woody let us all have a turn using the hose and we even managed to get our friends a bit wet! We got to ask many questions about how and where they train and about their uniform. Then we had a talk with one of the firefighters who told us about all the different aspects of their job and asked us all to check that we had smoke alarms in our homes.



## 19th April -21st April

Something strange has happened at All Saints over the Easter holiday! There have been some strange alien plants that have arrived in the school. The children in Poplar and Chestnut went out to investigate the plants and we looked at the shape, the size and the colour of the alien plant. We have been checking them very closely each day and making notes about them. The plants can do very peculiar things like move around by themselves, disappear and one day they even had purple jelly around them! We now need to write a letter to the professor to tell him the facts we have learnt about the alien plants.



## Elm Class Worship

Elm class lead worship to their parents and the whole school. They created masks showing all things that God created in His wonderful world and shared the story of how God created the world. They shared ideas of how we can all help to look after God's wonderful world. Elm class sang the song 'Creator God' with such enthusiasm to the whole school. They enjoyed leading worship together as a class.



## Ash and Elm's visit to Brooklands Museum



Ash and Elm had a great day out at Brooklands. They saw lots of different forms of transport including buses, cars, aeroplanes, bicycles and motorbikes. They went around the bus museum and saw some very old buses and they were excited to be able to sit on different buses too. They followed the trail to find Bertie the bear who was hiding on different vehicles and he was even hiding on the Sultan of Brunei's plane. All the children got to sit in a Formula one car which was really exciting! They had great fun on the pedal planes and exploring the science room. Everyone had lots of fun!

