



# ALL SAINTS BENSINGTON NEWSLETTER

March 16, 2018



*Finally, it feels like spring is arriving! The days, and weeks, are flying past and it is lovely to see the days lengthening and feel the sun as it begins to gain in strength.*

*Although short, this half term has been jam-packed with learning and extra-curricular activities and the children are fully immersed in their new topics now. The children in reception have experienced the 'awe and wonder' of watching chicks as they hatched from their eggs. Meanwhile year 1 had the excitement of being visited by Dinosaurs!*

*Our Bedtime Story event to celebrate book week was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many children back at school in their pyjama's sharing bedtime stories and enjoying hot chocolate and a snack.*

*Worships this half of term have been focused on the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal which aims to raise money to support projects in our own Diocese and our link Diocese in Zimbabwe. We will be holding a **mufti day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** to raise money for these worthwhile causes.*

*Mrs Justine Whelan-Cox*

## Important dates

I am now in a position to give you INSET dates for the 2018-19 academic year.

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Please note that **1:30pm** will now be the finishing time at the end of each term so that we are in line with other local authority schools.



## Attendance

**Our current attendance figure for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> March is: 95.5%**

**Our target attendance figure is 96.4%**

## NOTES/ REMINDERS:

- Pick up and drop off – This week I received a complaint by one of our neighbours with regards to careless parking at drop-off and pick up times. Can I please remind you that cars should not be stopping on zig-zag lines or across our neighbours driveways or entrances. This is very dangerous place for children and a nuisance for our neighbours.

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



We are supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal and we will be having a mufti-day on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**.

Wear your own clothes and bring a donation of £1.

## Mighty Metals

As part of our topic 'Mighty Metals' Hazel designed, created and evaluated an embossed pendant. They had great ideas and created very imaginative patterns.



## Pictures from H.M.S Belfast



## HMS Belfast Trip

Written By Erin W and Hrisi



On Wednesday 21st February, Beech Class went on an exciting trip to HMS Belfast. We all had a blast - even if the wax dummies scared us when we first saw them! We left school at around 9:30am, and took a brisk walk to our local train station, Sutton Common. It arrived not long after, so we weren't too cold. The class got settled quickly and we all began chatting, clapping chants or playing dare games.

At about 10:45am, we left the train station, after jumping on a second train. Beech class were extremely peckish, and at only 11 o'clock in the morning, Ms Farley and all the other group leaders decided to have a lunch break near a water fountain. One of our classmates (we don't know who) threw some of their bread to a plump-looking pidgeon. In about three minutes, 10 to 15 birds were surrounding us. We have to be honest, most of the girls and a handful of boys were completely freaking out!

When all of our packed-lunches were devoured, the class set off once more and in 10 minutes we had arrived! We'd finally reached HMS Belfast! We had an introduction by a man who worked there who was reminding us of safety precautions. He said to us "don't look too far over the edge of the ship, or we could end up in the Thames!"

Our groups split up and went to different ends of HMS Belfast. We started to explore all six floors of the colossal boat and when Mrs White's group discovered the wax dummies, everyone jumped out of their skin - we thought they were real!

A couple of groups went into the captain's control room, and a kind lady who worked there, let us try on a captain's hat. We all had a photo with it and it was so much fun!

There were a lot of things to see: a holy chapel; a tiddly kitchen; a gruesome hospital; and an ear-piercing dentist's room. The scary bit was that they all had dummies inside, so we cried every time!

We interviewed a couple of children from the class to tell us about what they thought of the trip. One said "It was so fun. I haven't done anything like it before! It felt real and the mannequins scared me!" Another person said, "I loved looking around and it felt realistic. It was as if I was living during WWII!" Our final volunteer told us, "I loved it. It had very interesting information which I can take on board."

We enjoyed our trip very much and would highly recommend others to visit the HMS Belfast.



## CHEERLEADING CLUB



Does your child enjoy Gymnastics or would they just love the opportunity to try something new and be part of a team?!

Cheerleading classes run by fully insured/qualified, DBS cleared coach and World Champion athlete!

In the main hall on Tuesday after school from 3:15pm till 4:15pm!

Learn how to stunt, tumble, dance and have the chance to showcase your new skills at the Summer Fayre!

Sessions start:  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and finish on the 10<sup>th</sup> July!  
Just £5 a Session!



12 sessions in total (excluding May half term)

Total cost= £60



Please let me know if you would like a space by emailing your child/children's name, age and School to

[maddie.garry95@gmail.com](mailto:maddie.garry95@gmail.com)

(Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis)



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Reception

#### Elm

9/2/18 – Ansam A  
23/2/18 – Lia S  
6/3/18 – Gabriel C  
9/3/18 – Amber C

#### Ash

9/2/18 – Daniel I  
23/2/18 – Mason F  
6/3/18 – Moses P  
9/3/18 – Sadie W

### Year 1

#### Oak

9/2/18 – Noah J  
23/2/18 – Aaron S  
6/3/18 – Rupert G  
9/3/18 – Dylan K

#### Holly

9/2/18 – Osama A  
23/2/18 – Grace M  
6/3/18 – Eva D  
9/3/18 – Elsie R

### Year 2

#### Chestnut

9/2/18 – Poppy C  
23/2/18 – Josiah D  
6/3/18 – Brody T  
9/3/18 – Harry C

#### Poplar

9/2/18 – Aaron D  
23/2/18 – Victoria C  
6/3/18 – Alexander O  
9/3/18 – Charlie W

### Year 3

#### Larch

9/2/18 – Alex S  
23/2/18 – Grace M  
6/3/18 – Neury H  
9/3/18 – Eunice D

#### Hazel

9/2/18 – Amy-Leigh E  
23/2/18 – Nanthu P  
6/3/18 – Fabio R  
9/3/18 – Ettie F

### Year 4

#### Maple

9/2/18 – Marek B  
23/2/18 – Alex W  
6/3/18 – Parham M  
9/3/18 – Ruby-Rose M

#### Rowan

9/2/18 – Jemima I  
23/2/18 – Piyush K  
6/3/18 – Sally C  
9/3/18 – Naomi B

### Year 5

#### Willow

9/2/18 – Ester B  
23/2/18 – Aaron P  
6/3/18 – Harvey K  
9/3/18 – Marina P

#### Hawthorn

9/2/18 – Scott M  
23/2/18 – Charlie H  
6/3/18 – Isaac D  
9/3/18 – Toby C

### Year 6

#### Beech

9/2/18 – Rithiksa J  
23/2/18 – Evie R  
6/3/18 – Toby C  
9/3/18 – Erin N

### Mrs Lupoli's Computing Star of the Week

9/2/18 – Beech Class  
23/2/18 – Imogen L  
6/3/18 – Hristiana K