

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

February 2008

Dear Parents

OK so where did January go? And its half-term next week! This of course is all Easter's fault! Who decided it would be so early? Somebody once explained to me how the Easter date is worked out:-

The canonical rule is that Easter Day is the first Sunday after the 14th day of the lunar month (the nominal full moon) that falls on or after 21 March (nominally the day of the vernal equinox).

Didn't make any sense to me either! However, whatever it means, this year's Easter is very early and the Spring term is therefore very short. So Lent is oh...now. You will find dates for non-uniform days further on in the letter. Please support these days generously because the proceeds go to some excellent causes—e.g. CAFOD, Chintowa, Father Hudson's homes and so on.

I hate to moan about parking again, but I had a local resident on the phone on Monday morning because someone was blocking her drive when she was due to take her husband to the hospital. The call was not pleasant to take because the resident was understandably very upset and it is doubly upsetting to think that parents from our school could be so inconsiderate. Will you please use the car park.

On a brighter note the recent RE inspection, like the Ofsted inspection, was very successful and a report will be published shortly. A huge thanks to all the staff whose hard work and commitment make this possible.

Have a good half-term break.

M Hammond
Headteacher

Football Coaching

Year 3 and Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to learn football skills during training sessions with 2 coaches from Aston Villa football club. This has been very successful and enjoyable.



Greenfingers

Since Christmas it has been very wet and so very little gardening has occurred, but as the lighter evenings approach we should be able to start 'Greenfingers' groups again. After half term there will be a Saturday morning session to dig in compost and tidy both garden areas.



Date: 23/2/08 or 1/3/08 Weather dependant
Volunteers welcome

Spring Term Topic

Currently Year 2—6 children are working on the 'Keen to be Green' topic. After half term the theme will be Lent /Easter.

Year Group Assemblies

We look forward to seeing you at 9.30 am when it is your child's Year Group's assembly.

Date	Year Group
8/2	Y6
22/2	Reception
29/2	Y1
7/3/08	Y2

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

As we move into Lent we do try to enable our children to understand the real religious significance of Easter. We also encourage them to take part in practical activities to help children less fortunate and to develop an awareness of how their actions can help others. As in previous years we will be holding Non Uniform days each Friday until Easter where the children pay 50p per child /75p per family each week. Last year the children enjoyed dressing according to the weekly theme and the money raised helped Shelter and Father Hudson's homes.

School Uniform

We have introduced a new item of uniform, a reversible fleece jacket which is showerproof and has a hood. They are available from age 3/4 up to adult sizes and cost £12.50 (up to 11/12). I am sure these will be very popular.

Decorated Eggs

We will be holding a Decorated Egg competition at Easter. There will be a prize for the best in each year group. Decorated eggs can be brought into school from Wednesday 12th March.

