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### Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### National Education Union Strike Action

The NEU has called for strike action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July as part of its ongoing dispute with the government over teacher pay. Once members in our school have had chance to meet, they will inform me which classes will be closed on these dates. Acorns and Chestnut will be unaffected by any NEU action. I will let you know when I have more information.

#### Sports Day

We have had to move Sports Day for Y1—6, to Thursday 6th July as a result of the NEU strike.

The date for Sports Day for Acorns and Oak classes will be Monday 3rd July.

#### Summer Fair

The Friends of Kentish Town (which all parents and carers and are automatically part of) are organising the Summer Fair after school on Friday 30th June. Please help out on the day by running a stall, clearing up at the end of the fair or by selling raffle tickets. All monies raised are used to support events that benefit all children.

#### Eid Al Adha

Eid is likely to be on Wednesday 28th June and I will be able to authorise one day of absence for this. Eid Mubarak to all families celebrating.

#### Year 6 Trip to Foxlease

Beech Class are having a wonderful time in the New Forest, raft building, canoeing, climbing and so much more.









Huge thanks to those parents and carers who felt able to contribute a little more to support the trip. Please start to make final payments for the trip if you haven't already done so. My thanks also to the dedicated staff who have spent the week down in Hampshire with Beech class, making the trip so special for them. Beech are due back in London tomorrow at around 4pm depending on the traffic.

#### **Requests for Exceptional Leave**

A reminder to parents and carers that exceptional leave must be requested by filling in the green form that is available at the school office. Only the Headteacher can authorise leave and term time holidays will not be authorised. A copy of our school's attendance policy can be found on our school website. After the disruption of the pandemic and the winter cold and strep A outbreak, children need to be in school, focused on their learning and spending time with their peers. I also look at attendance and lateness before I consider any request. Many thanks for your support.

#### Kentish Town CE/University College School Day

On Tuesday 27th June, Cedar, Sycamore, Chestnut and Beech classes will be heading up to UCS school in Hampstead for our annual partnership day. Children in KS2 will need their swimming kit as they will be using the pool at UCS. Lunch is also provided. Children in Acorns, Oak, Ash and Willow classes will be visited by 6th formers from UCS. Staff have arranged a selection of activities for our younger children which the UCS students will support with.

Best wishes,

#### James Humphries - Headteacher

Father Guy writes: all are very welcome to come to St Benet's Lupton Street for the festival of St Benedict. This takes place over two days: everyone is welcome to both services, but the bouncy castle and face-painting for children will be on Sunday 16th.

**Tuesday 11th July, 7pm:** High Mass and Procession of the Relic of our Patron St Benedict followed by drinks.

**Sunday 16th July, 11am:** Pontifical Mass of St Benedict, Parish Party with bring and share lunch, Table Top Sale, Bouncy Castle and Face Painting for children.

## Saint Benet's Kentish Town

# Festival of Saint Benedict Our Patron

**Tuesday 11th July - 7pm** High Mass of Saint Benedict with Choir and Procession of the Relic. Preacher: Fr Christopher Smith SSC, Vicar, Saint Alban the Martyr, Holborn. Followed by drinks.

## Sunday 16th July - 11am

Pontifical High Mass of Saint Benedict with Choir. Preacher: Jonathan our Bishop. Followed by a bring and share parish lunch, table top sale and party with bouncy castle & face painting for children.





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