



Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

I hope you all enjoyed a good half term break. It was lovely to see the children looking refreshed and keen to be back in school on Monday and all week.

Staffing Update

The resignation date for teachers was on the last day of May and so I can now inform you that two members of staff are sadly leaving us in July:

Jessica Tilley — Oak Class teacher, will be leaving us as she is moving out of London in the summer. Jess joined us in September 2020 and she has been a real asset our school. Jess has taught Oak Class and I know the children have really appreciated her warm and caring manner and her creativity. Jess has also led Phonics and Early Reading, helping colleagues and children to move on in their learning in the last couple of years. We wish Jess well with her move.

Chloe Commins — PE Coach and Teaching Assistant. Coach Chloe is moving from London to travel and teach in Cambodia for two years. Chloe came to Kentish Town eight years ago as a Teaching Assistant and we have supported her to develop her coaching skills and to successfully lead our PE and sporting offer. Chloe's energy and coaching skills will be very much missed by us all, as will her sense of humour. Many children have enjoyed the benefits of physical activity as a result of Chloe's enthusiasm for her subject. Good luck in Cambodia Chloe!

There will be an assembly at the end of term to thank both Jessica, Chloe and Rachel (who will be beginning her maternity leave in July).

Welcome to:

Emily Fox

Emily is an experienced teacher who joins our team from a school in another London Borough. Emily will lead Phonics and Early Reading in our school from September.

Ashleigh Wilson

Coach Ashleigh joins us from another Camden school where she has been supporting children with autism. Ashleigh has a sports and coaching background and she is very keen to promote physical activity with our children.

We are delighted to have recruited Emily and Ashleigh. The children and parents/carers will have a chance to meet both of them in July.

I will inform you in July which teacher /s will be teaching each class.

Important Reminder

We are a nut free school.

We have children in our school who are severely allergic to nuts and who would require immediate medical treatment should they have an anaphylactic shock reaction.

Please do not send nuts or anything that may contain nuts to school with your child/ren.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

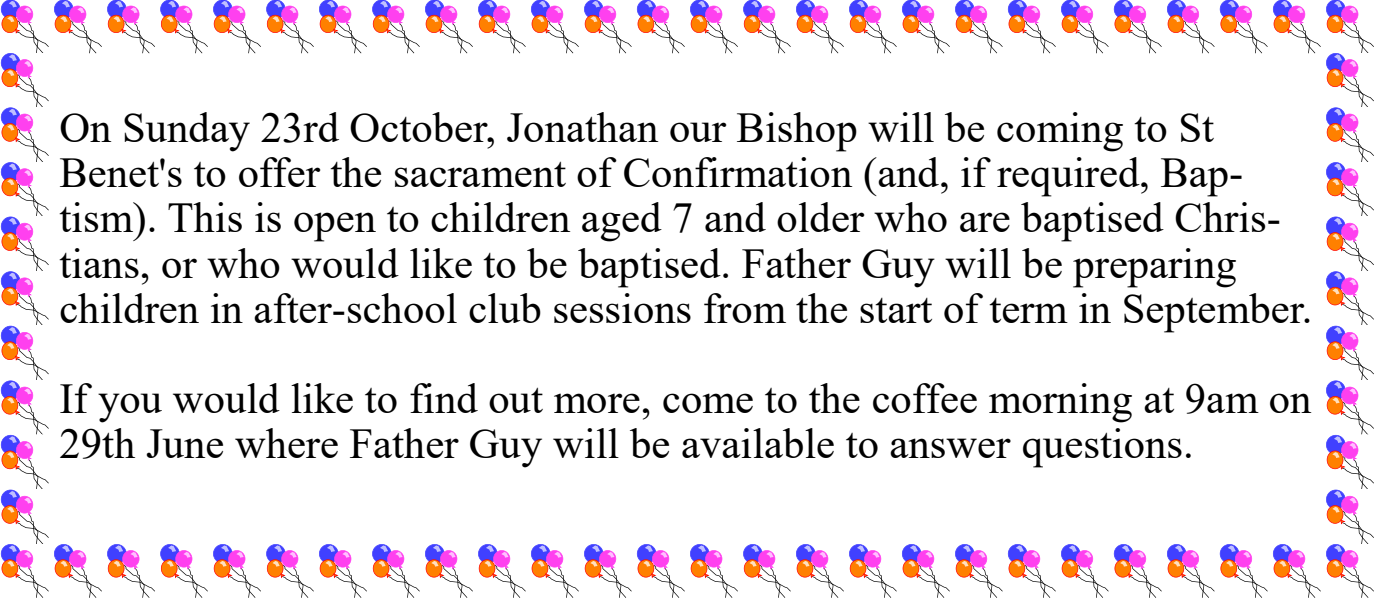


Patronal Festival of Saint Benet

Saint Benet's Church, Lupton Street
Sunday 10th July - 11am

Sung Mass of Saint Benedict, Our Patron.

Followed by a bring and share parish lunch and party with bouncy castle for children. All very welcome!



On Sunday 23rd October, Jonathan our Bishop will be coming to St Benet's to offer the sacrament of Confirmation (and, if required, Baptism). This is open to children aged 7 and older who are baptised Christians, or who would like to be baptised. Father Guy will be preparing children in after-school club sessions from the start of term in September.

If you would like to find out more, come to the coffee morning at 9am on 29th June where Father Guy will be available to answer questions.

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec. We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Jacobson
Deputy Headteacher

