

Dear Parents,

### **New website**

Our new website is up and running and can be found via <http://stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk/> Staff are currently working hard to add things to the relevant pages and we hope you find it a useful source of information.

### **Literacy**

This week in literacy we have been learning about The Queen's Hat. The Queen's Hat is about the wind sweeping the Queen's hat off her head, and all the places it flies over whilst it travels around London. The children have identified all the places the hat flies over and have thought about places local to us it could fly over. We have identified all the different verbs the author has used to describe how the hat moves and we have thought about verbs to describe how the hat could move around our local area. The children are using all these ideas to plan their own story about the Queen visiting our school and her hat taking off on an adventure around Handforth and Wilmslow.

Next week we will be going on our trip to Tatton Park. On Monday, the children will be writing questions that they would like to ask the staff on Tuesday. After our trip, we will be writing about what we did.

### **School Trip**

We are going on our school trip next Tuesday. If you are having problems putting a costume together, please let us know and we will do our best to try and help you. A pair of school trousers tucked into socks and a white school shirt will be good for the boys. A dark jumper or waistcoat would also be good to keep them warm. For the girls, a grey pinafore, or long dark dress/skirt with a white blouse and dark cardigan.

*Please can you let the school know in advance if you would like to provide your child with their own school dinner. This will stop Ashley making lunches for children who don't need them and save food wastage.*

### **Maths**

In maths we have been adding and taking away 1's and 10's from a 2-digit number. Over the next few days, we will be moving on to different ways of adding two 2-digits numbers.

### **Homework**

**Spelling** - Please allow your child to login to Spellingshed and practice the spellings we have set for them.

**Maths** - Children should use a number square to add and take away 10 more than a given number. Can they see a pattern? When taking away the number is directly above and when adding the number is directly above, or the ones digit stays the same and the tens digit changes. If your child is confident doing this, can they add/take 20 or 30? What happens if they add or take away 9 or 11? They should notice that the number is diagonally across from the given number.

There is a 100 square attached to the email, but one has also been sent home with your child.

**English** - Children should write a list of verbs to describe things they have done this week, e.g. read, walked, skipped. Extension work: Can they use them in sentences.

Please find attached the extra homework sheet for the first half of the Autumn term. These are optional activities that your child can choose to do if you are wanting them to do something extra.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs McBride