



St Bernadette's Primary School



Newsletter

August 2017



Welcome back to our sixth year at St. Bernadette's. A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their parents/carers and new staff members.

If there has been any changes to your home or emergency contact details or to your child's medical needs then please contact the office.

Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM will take place on 19th September at 6.30pm. All welcome. If you would like to become involved with the Parent Council or the fundraising group, please contact them at the addresses below:

stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com

stbernadettespcfundraising@gmail.com

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's Class Teacher on Wednesday 13th September. P1 parents are invited to come along at 5.45pm to discuss the Curriculum. P2 – P7 parents are invited to come to a drop in session between 6pm – 7pm.

Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. If you wish, you can leave a message on the school's answering machine. If your child is absent from school and no letter or telephone call has been received to explain their absence, you will receive a text requesting you contact the school. This system gives you the added peace of mind of knowing that if you have not had a text then your child has arrived safely in school. As this is a centralised system a mobile phone number will display and the message will include the school name and contact number. **Please respond to this promptly.**

Lunch Wallets

Lunch money should be given via pupils and placed in the wallet provided. If your child's wallet has been misplaced please contact the office. Please ensure lunch and trip monies are kept separate and clearly marked on the sheet provided. Please note no change is given and any additional money from trips will be added to lunch accounts. Please do not pass letters or cash to staff in the playground. Cheques for lunch money should be made payable to *Falkirk Council*, cheques for trips/events are made payable to *St. Bernadette's Primary School*.

School meals cost £2.05 per meal, all P1-P3 children receive free meals.

End of School Day

Can you please make sure your child/children know how they are getting home at the end of the day. The school office receive numerous calls between 2.30pm and 3pm asking to pass on messages reminding their child how they are getting home. As the school office is always busy this is not always possible. The office should only be called in an emergency.

Celebrating Achievements

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school, e.g. Dancing, Tae Kwon Do? We would love to hear so we can share the good news on our Newsletter. Please email the school

stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk to let us know!

Welcome Back BBQ

Our Parent Council are organising a Welcome Back BBQ on Friday 8th September at the school between 6pm-8pm. There will be Burgers/Hotdogs, Refreshments, Bouncy Castle, Kids Games, Tombola, Face/Nail Painting and Hair Braiding. Bring your own bottle. £1 entry, kids go free. All welcome.



Lost Property

It is great to see all children looking very smart in their school uniform. Unfortunately we already have a number of items in lost property. Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform, PE Kit and Packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled with their name. This will enable us to return lost property to its owner.

Administration of Medication

If your child required any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Falkirk Council policy that a standard form is completed by parents/carers. To ensure all our information is up to date this has to be done every school year. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In autumn/winter 2017 flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school aged children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms, please return these consent forms ASAP. At St. Bernadette's the immunisation will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2017.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Friday 8th September to take individual and family group photographs.

Mobile Phones

If your child brings their mobile phone to school can we please ask that you reiterate at home, that it must be switched off and in their school bag throughout the school day. If any mobile phone is seen during the day or disrupts the class it shall be confiscated by the Class Teacher and given to the Headteacher who will then contact the parent/carer and arrange for the parent/carer to collect it from school, it will not be given back to the child. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Cycling at School

Please see below our "Bike Shed Rota". Children should bring their bikes to school only on the day allocated to their class. All children should dismount their bikes before entering the playground and place them outside their class. If your child cycles to school in the morning and the end of the day they should lock their bike in the Bike Shed situated outside of the Staff Car Park.

Bike Shed Rota	
Monday	P1 and P2
Tuesday	Nursery & P3
Wednesday	P6 and P7
Thursday	P5
Friday	P4I and P4H



Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour

The management team, teachers and support staff all use the **Dojo points system and Golden Time Rewards. The Senior Management Team** will award dojo points to Classes, groups and individuals that display positive behaviour and achievements e.g. Walking in the corridors, Good manners, Special Achievements, Positive attitudes. **Class teachers** will award dojo points to Classes, groups and individuals that display positive behaviour and **achievements**.

Can we ask that parents/carers support school in discussing that high expectations are expected from all children regarding behaviour, if there are any incidents of children raising their hands or feet to another child or using bad language the child will lose ALL their Golden Time.

Golden Time Structures

This takes place in St Bernadette's on Fridays. Children currently bring toys and games from home and have access to various class activities.

Sanctions for children who lose golden Time

- Additional or unfinished class work
- Write about their behaviour and how they will improve



Sports for Champions

Pupils are taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit organised by Sports for Champions and Mrs McLaren, this will be held on Wednesday 27th September at school. The main attraction of their sponsored fitness circuit will be a Team GB International Athlete will visit the school and work with children throughout the event. Letters have been given out to all children. Could we please ask that all sponsor forms be returned to school no later than Friday 22nd September. Thank you.



Dogs in the Playground

For health and safety reasons Falkirk Council **do not** permit dogs into the playground; please also keep dogs at a safe distance away from the school gates.



Water Bottles

All our pupils are encouraged to drink water during the school day. Research has indicated that drinking plain water improves concentration and therefore leads to effective learning.



Allergies

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with nut products at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars and Peanut Butter sandwiches to school.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts. Peanuts do not have to be eaten by an allergic person to cause an allergic reaction; they can be ingested or contaminate tables, hands etc. Any peanut products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/what-is-anaphylaxis/signs-and-symptoms>

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School

Rag Bag Collection

Please place any bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed). Clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, bags, ties, belts, household linen & towels are accepted. This scheme raised almost £200 for school funds last year. Thank you! Empty bin bags are provided at the office, if required.

Volunteers

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to volunteer in school to help with resources and/or help in the playground at morning break and/or lunchtime? Please contact the school if you are available.



Parking

There have been several incidents where accidents were narrowly avoided. Please be considerate when parking in the school car park, parking bays should be used. Can we please ask that only disabled badge holders use the disabled spaces. Please also **do not** park in the bus lane.

Head Lice

We would encourage you to check your child at regular intervals to prevent the spread of head lice. If your child becomes infected, we would appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible. All information provided will be strictly confidential.

First 4 Kids Breakfast/Afterschool Club

For further details call 671344 or visit www.first4kids.org. Entrance to First 4Kids is via the Community door at the rear of the building; parents accessing this service may use the staff car park to drop off /collect children.



Outdoor Learning

All children will be accessing the outdoor area and orphan land regularly. This gives the children the opportunity to use the skills that they have been learning in enjoyable and real-life contexts. Children should come to school prepared for learning outdoors and our changeable Scottish weather. Although we will not send children out to play in heavy rain they will go out to play if the rain is not too heavy.

School Website

Please check the school website regularly as this will be the main source of information for parents. The address for this is: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

E-Mail

Please ensure we have your up-to-date email address as all letters/newsletters are emailed to parents/carers. Paper copies will be available at the office. Letters and newsletters will also be posted on the school website.



Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information.

School Calendar 2017/18

nth	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	SEPTEMBER
Sep 2017	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13 th – 6pm to 7pm Meet the teacher
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	27 th – 2.00pm P4I Class assembly
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	OCTOBER
Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	25 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	NOVEMBER
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	1 st – 1.30pm Mass (All Saints) (led by P5)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	15 th / 16 th – 3.30pm to 6.00pm Parent Consultations
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	22 nd – 2.00pm P6 Class assembly
Nov	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	DECEMBER
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8 th – Nursery Nativity (10.30am / 2pm)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	12 th – 1.30pm / 13 th – 7.00pm P1-7 Christmas Performance
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	15 th – Nursery Parties
Dec	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	18 th – AM P4 and P5 Party / PM P6 and P7 Party
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19 th – AM P1 Party / PM P2 and P3 Party
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4I)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	JANUARY
Jan 2018	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	24 th – 2.00pm P2 Class Assembly
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	FEBRUARY
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	11 th - 10.30am Mass on the 160 th Anniversary of the First Apparition in Lourdes of Our Lady to St Bernadette. Archbishop Cushley as main celebrant. (Church)
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	14 th – Ash Wednesday – 1.30pm distribution of ashes service (led by P4H)
Feb	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	21 st – 10.30am P7 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	21 st – 2.00pm P5 Class assembly
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	28 th - 10.30am P6 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	MARCH
Mar	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	7 th and 8 th - 10.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14 th - 10.30am P5 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21 st - 10.30am P4 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 st – 2.00pm P1 Class assembly
Apr	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	28 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	29 th – 3.00pm – 6.00pm Open Afternoon, led by your child
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	APRIL
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	25 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
May	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25 th – 3.30pm – Parent Consultation
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	MAY
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2 nd – 2.00pm P4H Class assembly
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10 th – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
Jun	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23 rd - 2.00pm P7 Class assembly
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	30 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4)
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JUNE
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5 th – Sports Day option 1 / 12 th – option 2
Jul	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9 th and 16 th – First Communion (10.30am and 2pm) (4 groups)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	15 th – Nursery Sports day (10.30am / 2pm)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20 th – 2.00pm P3 class assembly
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	22 nd – Nursery Graduation (10.30am / 2pm)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28 th – 9.30am P7 Leaver’s Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
Aug	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Parishioners Coffee Morning (community rm) – last Wednesday of the month
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Reporting to Parents event
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Religious observance
Aug	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	School closure due to holiday or staff development.
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	