



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

February 2018



## Absences/Appointments

Please inform the school office if your child is absent/attending an appointment. Messages **should not** be sent to the class teacher using Class Dojo as the teacher does not always look at the messages first thing in the morning. Thank you.

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

The next Parent Council meeting shall be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm in the school staff room. . All welcome.



## School Bus

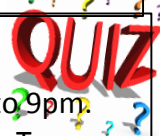
If your child travels to school on the School Bus can you please ensure they have either their bus pass or 80p single fayre/£1.50 return bus fayre. **Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child at all times whilst travelling on the School Bus.**

## Cumbrae Trip 2017

Mr Peter Braidwood from the National Centre, Cumbrae shall be doing a presentation at St. Bernadette's on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.00pm. This will inform parents about the week that their child is at Cumbrae and give an insight as to what the children might expect to experience and answer any questions parents/pupils may have. This event is for both parents and children. Could P7 parents please ensure payments are kept up-to-date. Final payment has to be paid by 23rd February 2018. Please check with the school office if unsure about balance. The final cost is £300.00.

## Family Quiz Night

Our Parent Council are organising a Family Fun Quiz Night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are priced at £2.50 per adult and children go free. Tickets can be purchased on the night. Tea, Coffee, biscuits and cakes will be available to purchase on the night, as well as a tuck shop. Donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated, if these could please be handed in on the day of the quiz. Raffle Tickets will also be available, there is a fabulous selection of prizes. We hope you can come along and support this event.



## Dojo Messenger

We have taken the decision to delete ALL Dojo Messenger accounts. The school and nursery shall no longer use this messaging service. Please contact the school office if you wish to pass a message on to any teachers.

## SCIAF

Thank you to everyone that has already donated money to the SCIAF Wee Box. We have these in every classroom. To find out more about SCIAF please check out this website

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/154-wee-box-big-change>



### 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lourdes apparition

Well done to the pupils that took part in the celebration of the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lourdes apparition. The mass was held at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette's church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February with Archbishop Cushley.



### World Book Day



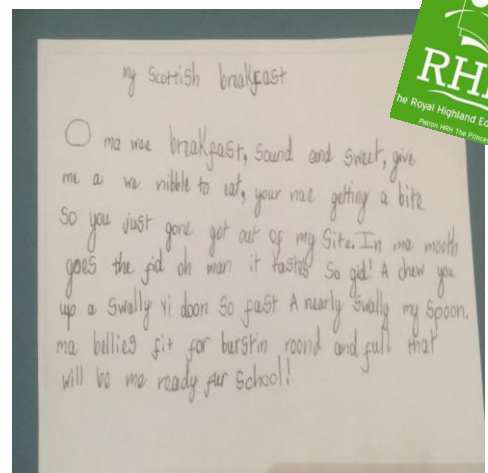
We are celebrating World Book Day 2018 on the 1<sup>st</sup> March by inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character!

We will also have many activities including:

- a "Where's Wally" Hunt
- a book cover competition
- a comic character creation competition
- a whole school book swap

### RHET Forth Valley Country Initiative

Well done to Sophie in P4I who won the RHET Forth Valley Country Initiative's Big Breakfast Trophy with her Scottish Poem about Breakfast. She wins a Farm visit for her class!





### **Archbishop Cushley visit**

We had a lovely visit from Archbishop Cushley on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, he visited all the classes.



### **Library Monitors**

We would like to say a HUGE thank you and well done to our fantastic team of Library Monitors, with the help of Mrs Irwin they have completely transformed our Library! We hope all of our pupils will now keep it tidy!



### **Rag Bag Collection**

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our recent collection weighed 150kilos, raising £60 for school funds. All donations are most welcome, please place the bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed) or pass to your child to hand into the school. We Collect:

- All Clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels



### **Cross Country**

Well done to the Cross Country that took part in the Active Schools Cross Country Championships race at Bo'ness on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



### **Basketball**

Well Done to Mrs McLaren and the Basketball Team, they played in the league at Denny High School on 24<sup>th</sup> January. They won 22-10 v Kinnaird and 31-24 v Bonnybridge. They also played in the Larbert Cluster Tournament on 16<sup>th</sup> February, where they came 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Next game is on 28<sup>th</sup> February at Denny High School.





### Pupils Achievements outwith School

Well Done to Shaun in P5 who achieved "Players Player award" for his Falkirk 2007 team. Very proud that his team mates voted him their best player.



### Achievements

Please let us know of any achievements your child has outwith school and we would be happy to share in our Newsletter. Email with a description and photo to [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk)



### Afterschool Clubs

The following clubs are running for the children:

Monday	SFC Football (P1-3)	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Digital Leaders	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	3pm - 4pm
Tuesday	Eco Club	3pm - 4pm
Wednesday	Basketball	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	SFC Football (P4-7)	3pm – 4pm

### 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.



### Parishioners Coffee Morning

There is a Coffee Morning held at the school on the last Wednesday of the month run by the local parishioners. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy delicious home baking with Tea/Coffee for only £1. Unfortunately the Coffee Morning for February has been cancelled.



### Infection Control in Schools

Parents are often unaware or unsure about the recommended length of time children should be kept away from school or nursery following an illness. If your child is unwell, please refer to the information provided on the Health Protection Agency website.

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140714084352/http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb\\_C/1274087715902](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140714084352/http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1274087715902)

### 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>



Thanks for remembering  
this is a



Peanut/Nut  
Free School

**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. It would be helpful if all our pupils have a labelled water bottle with them in school daily.

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

Stay Connected! Please follow us on Twitter @stbernadettesps

Check our website for details of school events and information: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

Keep up-to-date with Parish News on: <http://www.stbernadette.rcstanded.org.uk/current>  
and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>

# School Calendar 2018

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
								<b>JANUARY</b>
<b>Jan 2018</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	24 <sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm P2 Class Assembly 31 <sup>st</sup> – 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	11 <sup>th</sup> - 10.30am Mass on the 160 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – 1.30pm distribution of ashes service (led by P4H)
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	21 <sup>st</sup> – 10.30am P7 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
<b>Feb</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	21 <sup>st</sup> – 2.00pm P5 Class assembly
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	28 <sup>th</sup> - 10.30am P6 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	<b>MARCH</b>
	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
<b>Mar</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14 <sup>th</sup> - 10.30am P5 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21 <sup>st</sup> - 10.30am P4I Stations + Reconciliation (Church) 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 10.30am P4H
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 <sup>st</sup> – 2.00pm P1 Class assembly
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	28 <sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
<b>Apr</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	29 <sup>th</sup> – 3.00pm – 6.00pm Open Afternoon, led by your child
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	<b>APRIL</b>
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	25 <sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25 <sup>th</sup> – 3.30pm – Parent Consultation
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>MAY</b>
<b>May</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 2.00pm P4H Class assembly
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10 <sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 2.00pm P7 Class assembly
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	30 <sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4)
<b>Jun</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>JUNE</b>
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day option 1 / 12 <sup>th</sup> – option 2
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> – First Communion (10.30am and 2pm) (4 groups)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	15 <sup>th</sup> – Nursery Sports day (10.30am / 2pm)
<b>Jul</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20 <sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm P3 class assembly
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Nursery Graduation (10.30am / 2pm)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28 <sup>th</sup> – 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	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
<b>Aug</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Religious observance
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	School closure due to holiday or staff development.
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	

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