



St Bernadette's Primary School



Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome back and Happy New Year from everyone at St. Bernadette's Primary School. Thank you for all your support last year and we look forward to continuing working in partnership with you in 2018.



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.

Primary 1 Enrolments

Children who reach 5 years of age on or before 21st August 2018 **must** commence primary education at the start of the school session in August 2018. Children whose fifth birthday falls on or between the 22nd August 2018 and 28th February 201 **may** commence primary education in August 2018.

Enrolments were held in the school on Wednesday 10th January 2018, however if you still need to enrol your child please hand in the enrolment form with Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and Proof of Address, e.g. recent Utility Bill **as soon as possible**.

Primary & Secondary School Placing Requests

Parents/Carers must submit a Placing Request if they wish their child:

- to attend a school other than their catchment area school
- to attend a denominational school and are not baptised Roman Catholic
- to transfer from a non-denominational primary school to a denominational secondary school or vice versa

Placing Requests are available from school or on www.falkirk.gov.uk. Forms must be returned to the Director of Children's Services at Sealock House no earlier than Thursday 7st December 2017 up to the 15th March 2018. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome in writing by 30th April 2018.

Car Parking

We still receive numerous complaints about the Car Park – please be considerate when parking. We are very fortunate to have such a large car park! Please only use the disabled bays if you have a blue badge. **NO CARS** should park in the Bus bay for dropping off/picking up children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Achievements

Has your child achieved something that you would like to share with us?

Please email/contact the school and let us know and we would happily include it in the next Newsletter.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting shall be held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Entering the School

Anyone wishing to speak to their child's teacher **must** make an appointment via the school office. The teachers are extremely busy with pupils in the morning and the sooner the children are settled into class, the more time they have to learn. Please do not take up the teacher's time by trying to discuss your child at the class room door.

Entrance to the school is through the main reception. Do not attempt to follow your child into the building via the classroom door or enter the building through the side doors. For the safety of all, visitors must be identified.

Cumrae Trip 2018

Our P7 pupils will be going to Cumrae on the week beginning 30th April. 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. Thank you.

DID YOU RECEIVE A NEW ELECTRONIC DEVICE AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

If you received a new tablet, PC or mobile phone at Christmas, the following information from Malcolm Wilson, ICT Curriculum Development Officer, may be of interest.

1. Keeping safe – here's a link to three simple steps to keeping safe with a mobile device, tablet or PC : <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00489083.pdf>
2. FREE Microsoft Office for all pupils P1-S6 and staff for use at home and on mobile devices – this works on all mobile devices and PCs (up to 10 devices per person!) – the following link describes how to get it: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fa/mobiledevices/2015/06/17/microsoft-office-free-for-all-falkirk-council-childrens-services-staff-and-pupils-with-a-glow-account/> . If you are unsure of your child's Glow Account details – please contact the school office.

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
Wednesday	Basketball	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	SFC Football (P4-7)	3pm – 4pm *

*SFC Afterschool Football shall commence w/b 29th January 2018.

Harry Potter Book Night

We are hosting a Harry Potter Book Night on Thursday 1st February from 3pm – 5pm. There will be a variety of activities taking place on the night including a Sorting Ceremony a Beastly Brain-teaser quiz, clips of the film being shown and a House Cup being awarded to the winning team. Children that have expressed an interest have already been give a letter.



Book Swap

We will be starting a Book Swap with P6 and P7 on Friday 26th January at 11am. Children can bring in any books they wish to swap in advance and they will be issued with a token to allow them to swap.



World of Work Week

We are hoping to organise a World of Work week, where speakers can come in and tell the children all about their job. Do you have an interesting job that you would like to tell the children all about? Do you know anyone that would be interested? Please contact the school if you can help. Thank you.

Family Fun Quiz Night

Due to the continued success of the Family Fun Quiz Night the Parent Council are once again delighted to be able to bring you another night of fun and laughter on **FRIDAY 2nd March**. Further communication will be issued closer to the time offering you the chance to purchase tickets in advance and also raffle tickets. If anyone runs their own business or knows someone who does and who would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle this would be greatly appreciated.

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.



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.

Headlice

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

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

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.



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.

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.

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
								JANUARY
Jan 2018	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	24 th – 2.00pm P2 Class Assembly 31 st – 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
	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)
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	21 st – 10.30am P7 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
Feb	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
	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	7 th and 8 th - 10.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
Mar	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 P4I Stations + Reconciliation (Church) 22 nd – 10.30am P4H
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 st – 2.00pm P1 Class assembly
	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
Apr	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	APRIL
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	25 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	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
May	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10 th – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	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
Jun	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5 th – Sports Day option 1 / 12 th – option 2
	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)
Jul	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28 th – 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
	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	