



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

March 2018



## **Absences/Appointments**

Please inform the school office if your child is absent/attending an appointment. Please call 503400 or email [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk). 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 Monday 30th April 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 the correct bus fayre.

**Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child at all times whilst travelling on the School Bus.**

## **Important Information**

An increasing number of pupils are arriving at school without schoolbags, P.E. Kit, packed lunches and other items required for their day ahead; continually handing items to reception throughout the day impacts on the clerical staff core duties. The school staff are busy and unfortunately do not have the spare time to devote to delivering forgotten items to classes and disturbing the lessons.

Can we please also ask that all monies for trips, lunches etc. are given to your child in the money wallet provided by school rather than being handed into the office, unless it is large amounts of money. All notes/permission slips should be given to your child so they can hand it to the teacher instead of being handed into the front office, this again is a constant interruption to the office.

There is a large container outside the school office. If your child has forgotten something they require for school, we would ask that you please label it and place it in the box; we will endeavour to pass the item to your child at some point during the day, however this cannot be guaranteed. Items are left at owner's risk, the school cannot be held responsible for any items which are lost from this box.

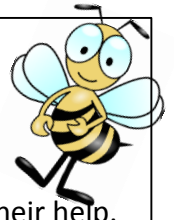
Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Cumbrae Trip**

It won't be long until our P7 pupils visit Cumbrae for their Residential Trip. Peter Braidwood from the Sportscotland National Centre Cumbrae visited the school to provide information about the trip and answer any questions. If any P7 parent has any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## **Open Afternoon**

An open afternoon will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of March from 3pm to 6pm. This will give parents an opportunity to see what the children have been doing in class. As these are open and busy sessions, there will be no opportunity for the class teacher to give any one-to-one feedback to parents/carers.



### **World Record Attempt**

Carronshore Primary decided to organise a Guinness World Record attempt to have the largest gathering of people dressed as bees in one place. They approached all local schools to ask for their help. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, all pupils from St. Bernadette's will make a 'bee line' and walk to Carronshore Primary. We will leave school at approximately 9.15am and return before lunch. This walk will be St. Bernadette's Big Fit Walk and will develop our pupil's health and wellbeing. A letter was issued to all pupils with more information. We are looking for volunteers to accompany us on this walk and you can also take part in the record attempt! Please return the slip issued with the letter.

### **Family Quiz Night**

The Family Quiz night has been rescheduled to **Friday 20th April**. There shall be no revised letters or raffles issued as existing ones continue to be valid if you wish to purchase in advance. All tickets already purchased are still valid, however if you can no longer attend the revised date please get in touch with the fundraising team at [stbernadettespcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettespcfundraising@gmail.com) to arrange a full refund.

### **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>



### **Snow Days**

We would like to say a HUGE Thank you to everyone that came to help clear our school of the snow at the end of February. There was a great turnout, we really appreciate the amount of volunteers that helped clear the paths allowing school to reopen.



### **Larbert Men's Christian Association**

Well done to our School Choir that took part in the Primary School Choir at Larbert East Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.



### **Euroquiz**

Well done to the team that took part in the Euroquiz on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Maddiston Primary School. Our team came 4<sup>th</sup>, which is a great achievement! Congratulations to Comely Park Primary who were the winners.

### **Cross Country**

Well done to the Cross Country team. The P5 girls' team came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the race on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Stirling Road. Congratulations to Dearbhla in P5 who came in 1<sup>st</sup> position! Great achievement!



### **Basketball**

Well Done to Mrs McLaren and the Basketball Team, they played on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Denny High. Great start 27-11 v Dunipace, they were then defeated by Antonine 14-16 but there was only 1 basket in it!



### **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)





### **Rag Bag Collection**

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. 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. There are bags available at the school office. We Collect:

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



### **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
*	Gymnastics (P1-3)	3pm – 4pm
*	Gymnastics (P4-7)	4pm – 5pm
Thursday	SFC Football (P4-7)	3pm – 4pm
*	Multi Sport Class (P4-7)	3.30pm – 4.30pm

\* Active Schools are running these clubs as 4 week taster sessions.

### **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**

We would like to say a HUGE Thank You to the ladies from the Church that have, since we opened, ran the monthly coffee mornings. Unfortunately they shall not be held for the rest of the term. We hope to welcome the ladies back in the near future.



### **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>



### **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>MARCH</b>
<b>Mar</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7th and 8th - 10.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14 <sup>th</sup> - 10.30am P5 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 <sup>st</sup> - 10.30am P4I Stations + Reconciliation (Church) 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 10.30am P4H
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	21 <sup>st</sup> - 2.00pm P1 Class assembly
<b>Apr</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	28 <sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	29 <sup>th</sup> - 3.00pm - 6.00pm Open Afternoon, led by your child
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<b>APRIL</b>
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25 <sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	25 <sup>th</sup> - 3.30pm - Parent Consultation
<b>May</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	<b>MAY</b>
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 2.00pm P4H Class assembly
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	10 <sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 2.00pm P7 Class assembly
<b>Jun</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	30 <sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm Mass (led by P4)
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	<b>JUNE</b>
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	5 <sup>th</sup> - Sports Day option 1 / 12 <sup>th</sup> - option 2
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> - First Communion (10.30am and 2pm) (4 groups)
<b>Jul</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	15 <sup>th</sup> - Nursery Sports day (10.30am / 2pm)
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	20 <sup>th</sup> - 2.00pm P3 class assembly
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	22 <sup>nd</sup> - Nursery Graduation (10.30am / 2pm)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28 <sup>th</sup> - 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Parishioners Coffee Morning (community rm) - last Wednesday of the month
<b>Aug</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Reporting to Parents event
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Religious observance
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	School closure due to holiday or staff development.

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