



# St Bernadette's Primary School

## Newsletter

November 2017

### 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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 **may** commence primary education in August 2018.

Where: St. Bernadette's Primary School

When: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Time: 9am – 11.30am then 1.30pm to 3pm

What to bring: Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and Proof of Address, e.g. recent Utility Bill.

### 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](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk). Forms must be returned to the Director of Children's Services at Sealock House no earlier than Thursday 7<sup>st</sup> December 2017 up to the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### Winter Health Information and Advice from NHS Forth Valley

The latest winter health information and advice is now available at [www.nhsforthvalley.com/winter](http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/winter). It includes details of local pharmacy opening times across Forth Valley over the festive period, information on the Minor Injuries Unit at Stirling Community Hospital and details of the ALFY advice line for older people. You can also find out more about the Pharmacy First scheme which provides free treatment for many common conditions without the need for a prescription (including urine infections, skin problems and conjunctivitis). You can follow them on Twitter @NHSForthValley or like them on Facebook [www.facebook.com/nhsforthvalley](http://www.facebook.com/nhsforthvalley) to keep up-to-date with all the latest news from NHS Forth Valley.

### Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 6.30pm. If you would like to be involved with the Parent Council or the fundraising group, please contact them at the address below: [stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Parent Consultation Booking system

All feedback collected during Parent Consultations was extremely positive regarding the online booking system, therefore, this will be used again in future. Please ensure your email address is up-to-date.

*St Bernadette's Primary School Fundraising*  
*invite you to join them at their first*



08/12/17

6.30pm till 8.30pm

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|  <b>Tombola/Bottle Stalls</b>  |  <b>Entertainment</b>    |  |
|  <b>Hot Food</b>               |  <b>Craft Stalls</b>     |  <b>Games</b> |
|  <b>Mince Pies &amp; Cakes</b> |  <b>Tea &amp; Collee</b> |  |

**plus a visit from a Special Guest!**



### **Cross Country**

Well done to our Cross Country Team, they done very well at the race at Callendar Park on 14th November. Dearbhla came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girls Race! Very well done Dearbhla, we are all proud of you! Some outstanding performances all round!



### **Basketball**

Well done to the Basketball team – they had two great wins - 26:16 v Denny and 42:2 v St Patrick's on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Well done to our MVP – Lucas in P6!



### **Football**

Well done to Mr Clark and the Football Team – they played at the Denny High School Tournament on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The boys won 3 games, lost 2 and played very well. Mr Clark commented on the excellent behaviour of the boys too! Well done!



### **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.

Could you please ensure your child/children hand in money to the office in the wallets provided by school, clearly marked what the money is for. If your child/children do not have a wallet, please request one at the office.



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### **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 us as soon as possible.

**All information provided will be strictly confidential.**

*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 2017/18

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

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