



# St Bernadette's Primary School

## Newsletter

October 2017

If there have been any changes to your home or emergency contact details or to your child's medical needs then please contact the office. Please also ensure your email address is up-to-date as ALL Newsletters/Letters etc. are emailed to parents. Paper copies will be available at the school office for collection only.

### Lost Property

The lost property is kept in the Janitors office and can be accessed from 9.00– 9.30 am or 2.30pm – 3pm.

### Building Positive Relationships Policy

You will have by now received a letter and Draft Building Positive Relationships Policy. We have very high expectations towards behaviour and wish to build positive choices with pupils. Our aim is to ensure consistency across the whole school with how behaviour is recognised and managed. We value your opinion and would like to hear your views on this policy. Please submit these in writing or annotate the draft policy and return it to school. These views will be reflected upon and any changes made before presenting the policy for discussion during the Parent Council meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Staff will also be working with pupils to gather their views.



### 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 in the morning. **Absences should be reported to the school office. Do not attempt to follow your child into the building via the classroom door. For the safety of the children, visitors must be identified.**

### Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting is being held on 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

### Parent Seminar

There is a Parent Seminar to be held in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 3.10pm and 4.10pm. Live-N-Learn provide very unique, inspirational workshops which focus on building resilience, fostering the right attitude and taking personal responsibility. All pupils are welcome to stay in school during this time to be supervised by staff. A snack will be provided for pupils. If you haven't already done so please contact the school office to confirm attendance.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

There is a new online booking system in place to allow parents to make appointments for the Parent Consultations held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. Parents/Carers will have received full instructions on how to use this system. The system will be live from **7am on 30<sup>th</sup> October** and will be open to take your bookings until **15<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**. The web address is: <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stbernadettesps>



We are delighted to announce the birth of Mrs Podmore's baby daughter, Ruby Rose. She was born weighing a healthy 7lb 3.5 ozs. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr & Mrs Podmore.



### **Farewell to Miss Crossan**

We say a sad farewell to Miss Crossan, our Modern Apprentice. She leaves St. Bernadette's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Crossan has accepted a vacancy at Falkirk Council Employment Training Unit. We wish her all the best for the future.



### **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.



### **School Gates**

Can we please strongly discourage parents/carers/Grandparents/any other family members of friends from standing at the School Gates at morning interval and/or lunchtimes. The playground is supervised by Support Staff. This is in the interest of children's safety. Staff cannot always identify the adults observing at the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Playground Equipment**

Are you clearing out your garden shed? Do you have any playground equipment we could use? If you are looking to get rid of bikes, toys, natural play items, we would gratefully receive these! We would accept anything which is in reasonable condition.

### **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.



### **Sandpit**

We are delighted that Falkirk Council have now carried out repairs to the Sand Pit and children can now enjoy playing in it at Morning Interval and Lunchtimes. The long awaited Pirate Ship shall appear in it soon!



### **Twitter Accounts**

Please check the school and class twitter accounts, these are updated almost daily with activities in school.

School Account: <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>

P1: <https://twitter.com/MissMcGuireSTB>

P2: <https://twitter.com/MissLMWalker>

P3: <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin>

P4H: <https://twitter.com/P4hSt>

P4I: [https://twitter.com/MrsIrwin\\_StB](https://twitter.com/MrsIrwin_StB)

P5: <https://twitter.com/P5MissDuffy>

P6: <https://twitter.com/STBernPrim6>

P7: <https://twitter.com/MissMunro1>

Parent Council: <https://twitter.com/StBernadettesPC>

If, for any reason, you **do not** want your child to be photographed and photographs used on social media or school use, please let the office know as soon as possible.



### **Cross Country**

Well done to our Cross Country Team, they took part in the race at Callendar Park on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. They all done extremely well! Our next race is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you are interested in helping at any of these races, please contact the school office.



### **Basketball**

Well done to our Basketball Team, they had 2 wins on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Denny High! They played Nethermain's Primary (Score was 14-12) and Bankier Primary (Score was 42-4).



If you are interested in helping with the Basketball Team, please contact the school office.

### **P.E. Class of the Month**

Well done to P4 & P7 – joint winners of the P.E. Class of the Month.





### **Sports for Champions**

Thank you to Kimberley Renicks, GB Judo Athlete who came in to speak to the children and help with the Sports for Champions Sponsor Event on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



**Huge Thank you** to all the parents/carers/relatives/friends that generously donated to this sponsor event. The school purchased lots of playground equipment for the children to enjoy and intervals and lunchtimes!



### **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.

### **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.

### **Childhood Infectious diseases especially: Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles**

Please may we ask for your co-operation in this important matter. One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for Lymphoma that puts them at risk from measles, chicken pox and shingles. If they come in to contact with anyone suffering from these conditions the pupil requires to be given some protection against them. Unfortunately this has to be given within 72 hours of the contact.

We would ask therefore that if your child develops measles, chicken pox or shingles that you inform us **immediately** so that appropriate action may be taken.

Your child is not at any risk from this situation, however, the health of our pupil does depend on your co-operation in this important matter.

### **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
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	<b>OCTOBER</b>
Sep 2017	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	26th – 2.15pm P3 parents meeting re Reconciliation
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19th – P4 Parents meeting re Communion
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	29th – 10.30am – P4H Enrolment Mass
Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	1st – 1.30pm Mass (All Saints) (led by P5) 5th – 10.30am P4I Enrolment Mass
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15th / 16th – 3.30pm to 6.00pm Parent Consultations
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22nd – 2.00pm P6 Class assembly
Nov	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	<b>DECEMBER</b>
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8th – Nursery Nativity (10.30am / 2pm) 13th – Christmas Lunch
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	12th – 1.30pm / 13th – 7.00pm P1-7 Christmas Performance
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	15th – Nursery Parties
Dec	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	18th – AM P4 and P5 Party / PM P6 and P7 Party
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	19th – AM P1 Party / PM P2 and P3 Party
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4I)
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<b>JANUARY</b>
Jan 2018	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	24th – 2.00pm P2 Class Assembly 31st – 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11th - 10.30am Mass on the 160th Anniversary of the First Apparition in Lourdes
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	of Our Lady to St Bernadette. Archbishop Cushley as main celebrant. (Church)
Feb	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	14th – Ash Wednesday – 1.30pm distribution of ashes service (led by P4H)
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	21st – 10.30am P7 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	21st – 2.00pm P5 Class assembly
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	28th - 10.30am P6 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
Mar	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	<b>MARCH</b>
	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	7th and 8th - 10.30am P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14th - 10.30am P5 Stations + Reconciliation (Church)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21st - 10.30am P4I Stations + Reconciliation (Church) 22nd – 10.30am P4H
Apr	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21st – 2.00pm P1 Class assembly
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	28th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	29th – 3.00pm – 6.00pm Open Afternoon, led by your child
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	<b>APRIL</b>
May	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	25th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P6)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25th – 3.30pm – Parent Consultation
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>MAY</b>
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2nd – 2.00pm P4H Class assembly
Jun	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10th – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23rd - 2.00pm P7 Class assembly
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	30th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4)
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>JUNE</b>
Jul	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5th – Sports Day option 1 / 12th – option 2
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9th and 16th – First Communion (10.30am and 2pm) (4 groups)
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	15th – Nursery Sports day (10.30am / 2pm)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20th – 2.00pm P3 class assembly
Aug	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	22nd – Nursery Graduation (10.30am / 2pm)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	28th – 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	<b>Reporting to Parents event</b>
Aug	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event</b>
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	<b>Religious observance</b>
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	<b>School closure due to holiday or staff development.</b>
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	

