



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

May 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. 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.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Brown who were married during the Easter holidays. We hope their future life together is filled with wonderful memories. Miss McGuire has now changed her name to Mrs Brown.



We also wish Miss Munro good luck – she is getting married on Saturday 26th May. She will change her name to Mrs Laidlaw. We hope the sun shines for her special day and wish the new Mr & Mrs Laidlaw a long and happy marriage.



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Salutous (Nursery) on the birth of their baby boy. Mrs Salutous gave birth to a baby boy named Luke Andrew George Salutous on the 25th of March. Both Mum and baby are well and have been in to see all the nursery children!

We are very sad that Miss Rooney is leaving St. Bernadette's on 25th May 2018. Miss Rooney was successful at interview for the post of Inclusion Teacher with West Lothian Council. This is a very exciting opportunity for Miss Rooney. We shall miss her lots and wish her every success in her new role.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting shall be held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Sports Day

St. Bernadette's Sports Day will be held on 5th June 2018 (weather permitting).
2nd Choice date will be 12th June 2018.



We hope you can manage along to support the children 😊

School Trips

There are a few classes planning an end of term school trip. Each class will give out a letter with details. Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, *in strictest confidence*, for more information.

Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place at **1.30pm-2.30pm on Tuesday 26th June**. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP by responding to stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk.

St Mungo's Cluster Numeracy Workshop P1- S1

How to help your child(ren) at home with their numeracy

Thursday 7th June, 6.30 - 7.30

St Mungo's High School

This talk is open to any parent or carer of child(ren) in the St Mungo's cluster of primary schools and S1 parents. Please note - your children are also invited to attend.

Tom Renwick (Director of Maths on Track, and, 'maths ambassador' for the Falkirk schools this session) will show how the 'numeracy map' can really help children get good at their numeracy, then, being good at numeracy = better at maths.

Every household will also get a paper copy of the 'numeracy map' to take home following completion of a very short feedback form.

This will be a fun and beneficial evening, and Tom's only request is that the children sit on the floor to the front of the hall, with parents on seats behind. He will treat the youngsters as a mixed ability class from P1-S1, though you as parents can also join in.

In order to help the planning it would be helpful if you could intimate your intention to attend, and, how many children. You can do this by returning the slip below to your child's school by Friday 1st June. Thank you.

My child(ren) attend _____ school(s).

We would like to attend Tom Renwick workshop on Thursday 7th June .

Name _____ Number adults ☐ Number of children ☐

Pirate Ship

After a long wait (6 years to be exact!) we are delighted to have our pirate ship in the playground. Many thanks to Mr Savage for his help building this and adding a plank for the children to walk on! Mr Savage has also done a fantastic job in repairing the playhut currently in the playground. We would not have these items without our Parent Council's donations – so huge Thank You to our Parent Council. We are very lucky to have such a great playground for the children.



SCIAF Donations

Sincere thanks for all the generous donations to SCIAF this year. The recent donations have brought in a total of £418.76!! To find out more about SCIAF, please visit the website on <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/>
Thank you ☺



Mary's Meals Donation

Thanks to our Parent Council for organising the Uniform Swap Shop – a donation of £278.50 was made to Mary's Meals.



The Uniform Swap Shop is still on display in the Main Reception of the school, please have a look at the items on display. There is an honesty box at the window for any donations. Thank you.

Parent Council

We would like to thank our fantastic Parent Council – thanks to their donations we have been able to purchase much needed new projectors for our P2 and P4H classes. We also purchased new signs for our Car Park and the wood needed for repairing the Play Hut with donations from our Parent Council. We really do appreciate all the hard work that goes into raising money to benefit the school.

End of Term Reports

The End of Term Reports will be issued on Friday 22nd June 2018.



Cumbræ 2017

Our P7's enjoyed the Residential Trip to Cumbræ. They all successfully received the John Muir Award – Congratulations! It was very cold this year but the children still managed to enjoy a variety of activities. Thank you to Miss Munro, Mrs Galloway and Mrs Angus for attending this trip with the P7 children.



Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education

There will be a Mass to celebrate 100 years of Catholic Education on Thursday 14th June 2018 at Falkirk Stadium. Every Catholic school in Scotland have been invited to gather as a community of faith and learning to celebrate Mass together. St. Bernadette's have been allocated 20 tickets for this Mass and we have 16 spaces available for pupils from P4 – P7. Unfortunately as the Mass coincides with the St. Mungo's P7 transition day, pupils enrolled for St. Mungo's cannot attend Mass. A letter has been given to all pupils with more information about this Mass.

End of Term School Disco

Our Parent Council have organised an End of Term School Disco on Wednesday 27th June. The juniors (including the new P1s) will be from 6.15pm to 7.15pm and the seniors will be from 7.30pm - 8.45pm.



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, Peanut Butter and Nutella 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.

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.

Car Parking

Please be considerate when dropping off children in the morning. It is unacceptable for parents/carers to park in the School Bus Bay when dropping off/collecting pupils.



School Calendar 2018

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
May	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	MAY
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2 nd – 2.00pm P4H Class assembly
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	10 th – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	23 rd – 2.00pm P7 Class assembly
Jun	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	30 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P4). All welcome.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	JUNE
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	5 th – Sports Day option 1 / 12 th – option 2
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	9 th and 16 th – First Communion (10.30am and 2pm) (4 groups)
Jul	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	15 th – Nursery Sports day (10.30am / 2pm)
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	20 th – 2.00pm P3 class assembly
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21 st – P5 Trip to Stirling Castle
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	21 st – P1 and P2 Trip to Almond Valley
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	22 nd – Nursery Graduation (10.30am / 2pm)
Aug	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	28 th – 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
We re-open to pupils on Tuesday 21 st August								Reporting to Parents event Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event Religious observance School closure due to holiday or staff development.

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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.rcstated.org.uk/current>

and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>