



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

August 2018



Welcome back to our seventh year at St. Bernadette's. A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their parents/carers and new staff members.

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 AGM

The Parent Council AGM will take place on 11th September at 6.30pm. All welcome. If you would like to become involved with the Parent Council or the fundraising group, please contact them at the addresses below:

stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com

stbernadettespcfundraising@gmail.com

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's Class Teacher on Wednesday 5th September. P1 parents are invited to come along at 5.30pm to discuss the Curriculum. P2 – P7 parents are invited to come to a drop in session between 6pm – 7pm.

Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. If you wish, you can leave a message on the school's answering machine. If your child is absent from school and no letter or telephone call has been received to explain their absence, you will receive a text requesting you contact the school. This system gives you the added peace of mind of knowing that if you have not had a text then your child has arrived safely in school. As this is a centralised system a mobile phone number will display and the message will include the school name and contact number. **Please respond to this promptly.**

Lunch Wallets

Lunch money should be given via pupils and placed in the wallet provided. If your child's wallet has been misplaced please contact the office. Please ensure lunch and trip monies are kept separate and clearly marked on the sheet provided. Please do not pass letters or cash to staff in the playground. Cheques for lunch money should be made payable to *Falkirk Council*, cheques for trips/events are made payable to *St. Bernadette's Primary School*.

School meals cost £2.05 per meal, all P1-P3 children receive free meals.



End of School Day

Can you please make sure your child/children know how they are getting home at the end of the day. The school office receive numerous calls between 2.30pm and 3pm asking to pass on messages reminding their child how they are getting home. As the school office is always busy this is not always possible. The office should only be called in an emergency.

Celebrating Achievements

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school, e.g. Dancing, Tae Kwon Do? We would love to hear so we can share the good news on our Newsletter. Please email the school

stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk to let us know!

Photographs

Could you please let the school know ASAP if you do **NOT** want your child's photograph on school/class Twitter/Newsletters. Please email the school stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk Thank you.

Lost Property

It is great to see all children looking very smart in their school uniform. Unfortunately we already have a number of items in lost property. Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform, PE Kit and Packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled with their name. This will enable us to return lost property to its owner.

Administration of Medication

If your child required any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Falkirk Council policy that a standard form is completed by parents/carers. To ensure all our information is up to date this has to be done every school year. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In autumn/winter 2017 flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school aged children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms, please return these consent forms by Friday 7th September.

Mobile Phones

If your child brings their mobile phone to school can we please ask that you reiterate at home, that it must be switched off and in their school bag throughout the school day. If any mobile phone is seen during the day or disrupts the class it shall be confiscated by the Class Teacher and given to the Headteacher who will then contact the parent/carer and arrange for the parent/carer to collect it from school, it will not be given back to the child. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Cycling at School

Please see below our "Bike Shed Rota". Children should bring their bikes to school only on the day allocated to their class. All children should dismount their bikes before entering the playground and place them outside their class. If your child cycles to school in the morning and the end of the day they should lock their bike in the Bike Shed situated outside of the Staff Car Park.

Bike Shed Rota	
Monday	P1 and P2
Tuesday	P5
Wednesday	Nursery & P3
Thursday	P6 and P7
Friday	P4

Online Safety Event

Children's Services are hosting two online safety events for parents. Date & Venue: Thursday 6th September (6.30-8.30pm, Bo'ness Academy) & Thursday 13th September (6.30-8.30pm, Camelon Education Centre). All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Staffing News

We welcome lots of new staff to our Nursery, Mrs Honeyman (EYO), Mrs McLean (EYO covering Maternity Leave), Miss McArdle (EYO), Mrs Murphy (Child Care Assistant) and Mrs Scott (Child Care Assistant). We also welcome Mrs Meier to P4, Miss MacAulay to P7 and Miss Aisbitt (Specialist PE Teacher).

We were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Marshall in the kitchen, she has left to go to another school, we wish her luck in her new job and will miss her!

Warmest congratulations to Mrs Kinnaird in the Nursery, she gave birth to a baby boy over the summer, both Mummy and baby are doing well.



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.



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.



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.



Rag Bag Collection

Please place any bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed). Clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, bags, ties, belts, household linen & towels are accepted. This scheme raised almost £200 for school funds last year. Thank you! Empty bin bags are provided at the office, if required.

Parking

There have been several incidents where accidents were narrowly avoided. Please be considerate when parking in the school car park, parking bays should be used. Can we please ask that only disabled badge holders use the disabled spaces. Please also **do not** park in the bus lane. There is a book at reception should you wish to log any Car Park incidents.

Head Lice

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

First 4 Kids Breakfast/Afterschool Club

For further details call 671344 or visit www.first4kids.org. Entrance to First 4Kids is via the Community door at the rear of the building; parents accessing this service may use the staff car park to drop off /collect children.



Passing items to your child

There is a 'Post Box' at Reception if you have forgotten to give your child letters/permission slips/dinner money etc. which have to be returned to school. There is also a box for items you wish to be passed onto your child. Items are left at owner's risk, the School cannot be held responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items. While we will do our best to pass these items to your child we cannot guarantee this.

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. Although we will not send children out to play in heavy rain they will go out to play if the rain is not too heavy.

School Website

Please check the school website regularly as this will be the main source of information for parents. The address for this is: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

E-Mail

Please ensure we have your up-to-date email address as all future newsletters/letters will be emailed to parents/carers. Paper copies will be available at the office. Letters and newsletters will also be posted on the school website.



Class Twitter

Below is a link to each classes Twitter page. Please check for regular updates.

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

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

P3 <https://twitter.com/MissMunro1>

P4 https://twitter.com/bernadette_p4

P5 <https://twitter.com/STBernPrim5>

P5/6 <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin>

P6 *Will be up and running soon!*

P7 *Will be up and running soon!*

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



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.rcstanced.org.uk/current>
and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>

Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out to play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while.
To bathe his/her hands and comb his/her hair,
To tell him/her what he/she is to wear,
To prepare him/her that he/she may always be good,
And each day do the things he/she should".

"Whose child is this?" I asked again,
As the door opened and someone came in.
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile.
"Mine, to keep just for a little while.
To teach him/her how to be gentle and kind,
To train and direct his/her little mind,
To help him/her live by every rule,
And get the best he/she can from school."

"Whose child is this?" I asked once more,
Just as the little one entered the door,
"Ours", said the parent and the teacher as they smiled,
And each took the hand on this little child.
"Ours to love and train together.
Ours this blessed task forever."

School Events Calendar 2018/19

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	September 20 th – 2.15pm P3 parent meeting re Reconciliation
Sep 2018	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5 th - 6pm to 7pm 'Meet the Teacher' open event (5.30pm P1)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	6 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7) 27 th – 1.30pm Pope Francis Faith Awards
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	October 7 th – 10.30am Family Mass
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	11 th – 2pm P3 class assembly
Oct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	November 4 th – 10.30am P4 Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1 st – 1.30pm Mass (All Saints) (led by P6)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14 th / 15 th – 3.30pm to 6.30pm Parent Consultations
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22 nd – 2pm P6 class assembly
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	23 rd – Snap Shot Jotters to come home, return Monday 26 th
Nov	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	30 th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P5/6) (St. Andrew's Day)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	December
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	7 th – Nursery Nativity
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	11 th – 1.15pm / 13 th – 7pm P1-7 Christmas Performance
Dec	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12 th – Christmas Lunch
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14 th – Nursery Party
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18 th – AM P1 Party / PM P2 and P3 Party
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	19 th – AM P4 and P5 Party / PM all P6 and P7 Party
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	20 th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P5)
Jan 2019	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	January
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	24 th – 2pm P5/6 class assembly
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	31 st – 1.30pm Mass (Led by P4)
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	February
Feb	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	14 th – 2pm P5 class assembly
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	28 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	March
	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	6 th – 1.30pm Ash Wednesday service (led by P6)
Mar	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8 th - Snap Shot Jotters to come home, return Monday 11 th
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13 th – 27 th – P4 to P7 Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	14 th – 2pm P7 class assembly
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	23 rd – 11am or 2pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
Apr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	28 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P5/6)
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	28 th – 3pm – 6pm Open Afternoon, led by pupils
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	April
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	24 th / 25 th – 4.30pm to 6.30pm Parent Consultations
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	16 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P5)
May	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	May
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	2 nd – 2pm P1 class assembly 23 rd – 2pm P4 class assembly
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	30 th – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P4)
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	June
Jun	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4 th – Sports Day option 1 / 11 th – option 2
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7 th - Snap Shot Jotters to come home, return Monday 10 th
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	12 th – 1.15pm / 13 th – 7pm School Show P5 – P7
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	13 th – 2pm P2 class assembly
Jul	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	14 th – Nursery Sports Day
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	21 st – Final written reports to be given home
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21 st – Nursery Graduation
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	15 th / 22 nd – Sacrament of Holy Communion (P4)
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	27 th – 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
Aug	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Reporting to Parents event
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Religious observance
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	School closure due to holiday or staff development.