



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

November 2018



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 9.00am – 9.30am or 2.30pm – 3pm.

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's 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.

There is a large container outside the school office. If your child has forgotten something they require for school, I 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. There is also a "Post Box" for any letters or money wallets. Items are left at owner's risk, the school cannot be held responsible for any items which are lost from these boxes.

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

There will be an emergency Parent Council Meeting on Monday 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. This is in light of the recent budget cut plans. There will be tea/coffee available. All welcome.

Winter Health Information and Advice from NHS Forth Valley

The latest winter health information and advice is now available at 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 to keep up-to-date with all the latest news from NHS Forth Valley.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that "wore something bright" to raise money for Children in Need. Our school and nursery raised £303.63!



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

We have a "Swap Shop" Christmas Jumper table in reception. Please donate Christmas Jumpers that your child/children have outgrown and swap for another Christmas Jumper or give a small donation to Mary's Meals. Thank you ☺



Christmas Jumper Day



We shall be taking part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December. Children can wear their Christmas Jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children. Please click on this link to find out more about this charity. <https://christmasjumperday.org/how-you-help/> Thank you.

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!

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.



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.

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.

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.

Cross Country

Well done to Mrs Angus and the Cross Country Team. They recently took part in the races at Callendar Park on Tuesday 20th November 2018. We are very proud of Josie in P5 who came first in her race! All the children did very well in what was a very muddy track!



Football

Well done to Mr Clark and the Football Team – although they didn't win at the recent tournament held at Forthbank Stadium, Mr Clark praised the children's behaviour and sportsmanship. Very well done for the standard of play!

Basketball

Well done to Mrs McLaren and the Basketball Team. They played in a league game at Denny High on the 28th November and won by 37-2! Great result! Well done to Michael who was the MVP!





Huge thanks to our Parent Council who donated money for more I pads, cases and Lapcabby (charging unit for the I pads). We really do appreciate these items as do the children!



Huge thanks also go to our 2 parents that helped put the stage up – without these 2 volunteers the stage wouldn't have gone up this year for the children's Christmas concerts. We really do appreciate their help!

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 Events Calendar 2018/19

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
Nov	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	November 4 th – 10.30am P4 Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1 st – 1.30pm Mass (All Saints) (led by P6)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	14 th / 15 th – 3.30pm to 6.30pm Parent Consultations
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	22 nd – 2pm P6 class assembly
								23 rd – Snap Shot Jotters to come home, return Monday 26 th
Dec	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	30 th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P5/6) (St. Andrew's Day)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	December
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	7 th – Nursery Nativity
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	11 th – 1.15pm / 13 th – 7pm P1-7 Christmas Performance
	31							12 th – Christmas Lunch
								14 th – Christmas Jumper Day
								17 th – Cinema Trip
								18 th – AM P1 Party / PM P2 and P3 Party
Jan 2019	1	2	3	4	5	6		19 th – AM P4 and P5 Party / PM all P6 and P7 Party
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	20 th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P5)
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	January
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16 th - P1 Enrollments
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	24 th – 2pm P5/6 class assembly
Feb								31 st – 1.30pm Mass (Led by P4)
								February
	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
Mar	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	6 th – 1.30pm Ash Wednesday service (led by P6)
	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
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4 th – Sports Day option 1 / 11 th – option 2
Jun	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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	14 th – Nursery Sports Day
Jul	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)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Reporting to Parents event
Aug	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.