



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

February 2019



Absences/Appointments

Please inform the school office if your child is absent/attending an appointment.

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

The next Parent Council meeting shall be held on Monday 11th March 2018 at 6.30pm in the school staff room. All welcome.



School Bus

If your child travels to school on the School Bus can you please ensure they have either their bus pass or 80p single fare/£1.50 return bus fare. **Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child at all times whilst travelling on the School Bus.**

Race Night

Our Parent Council held a Race Night on Friday 1st March. The evening was a great success and raised just over £1000. Thank you to everyone that attended and contributed to the evening. Huge thanks to the Parent Council for organising this event.

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our recent collection weighed 150kilos, raising £60 for school funds. All donations are most welcome, please place the bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed) or pass to your child to hand into the school. We Collect:

- All Clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels

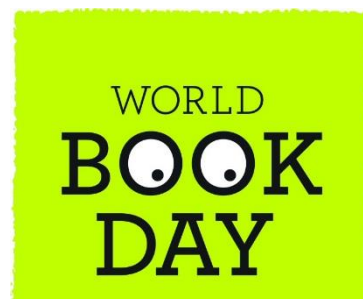


World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day 2019 on the 8th March by inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character!

We will also have many activities including:

- World Book Day Assembly
- A whole school book swap – please bring in books to swap



Although World Book Day is officially on the 7th, we decided to hold it on the 8th as our P2 class is on a school trip on the 7th.

200 Club

The winner of the 200 Club draw for February are:

£100 - 049 Sam Sweeney
£50 - 070 Francine Stewart
£50 - 198 Allan Walker
£25 - 103 Caroline Smith
£25 - 010 Vincenza Risk

Well done to our winners! If you are interested in joining the 200 Club forms are available at Reception.

Online Payments

Falkirk Council are introducing a new online payment system in all schools in the coming months. iPayImpact is a secure online payment system that allows you to pay for school-related items for your child(ren) online through your smartphone, tablet and computer, and will offer a host of features such as:

- Provide you with your own personal account to pay and track school related payments, including school meals, concerts and school trips.
- Pre-order meals for your child in advance, giving you full visibility and control over their lunch choices
- Manage costs for all your children, even if at different Falkirk schools, from the same account.
- Allow you to see, at any time, all payments and balance information.

We are encouraging you to register for an account to let you pay, manage and track all school payments. However, we recognise that not everyone will wish to pay this way, so we will still continue to take cash or cheques if necessary, if that is what you prefer.

In order for iPayImpact to verify your relationship to your child(ren) some of the relevant information about your child and the main contact of the child (the nominated main legal guardian named on your child's school enrolment form), need to be shared by us with iPayImpact. The information being shared is as follows:

Forename, Surname, Gender, School, Stage, Class, Local Authority, Main Contact Name, Main Contact, Email Address, Main Contact Phone Number, Free School Meal Status indicator, SEEMiS identifier. This is the minimum level of information needed in order to securely link your child(ren) to your account. We will not receive any information back from iPayImpact about your account with them.

To use the iPayImpact school payment service you will need to register for a Mygovscot account and add a unique account reference for your child. **We will send this unique number in a letter to you when online payments go live for the school. If you have children in multiple Falkirk schools, their unique number can be added to your existing account, meaning that you only need one account for all children.**

To register for a Mygovscotland account in advance of the iPayImpact service going live, please visit <https://my.falkirk.gov.uk/> and click on "Register for an account". Although iPayImpact is not yet live for the school, registering for an account also gives you access to MyFalkirk.

Staffing



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Martin (P5/6 Teacher) on the birth of their baby boy. Mrs Martin gave birth to a baby boy named Harris Martin on the 30th of January. Both Mum and baby are well.

Cross Country

Well done to Mrs Angus and the Cross Country team that took part in the Falkirk Schools Championships race at Callendar Park on 4th February 2019. Dearbhla won bronze for the P6 girls – well done!



Basketball

Well Done to the Basketball Team, they played in the Larbert Cluster Basketball Festival at Larbert High on 15th February. In the 1st game they scored 22-2 against Larbert Village, 2nd game against Carron Primary they scored 34-2 and in the Semi Final they scored 28-2 against Stenhousemuir. The team then went on to score 22-8 in the final against Ladeside!

Amazing results team! Congratulations!





Achievements

Well done to Finn in P2 – he won “Man of the Match” for the 2nd week in a row with Stenhousemuir FC!

Please let us know of any achievements your child has outwith school and we would be happy to share team. Email with a description and photo to stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk.

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. It would be helpful if all our pupils have a labelled water bottle with them in school daily.

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 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>



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
								March
								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 11th
	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	20 th – 3pm – 6pm Open Afternoon, led by pupils
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	23 rd – 11am or 2pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
								25 th – 29 th March – P7 to Residential Trip
Apr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	28 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P5/6). All welcome.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	April
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	24 th / 25 th – 4.30pm to 6.30pm Parent Consultations
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	16 th – 1.30pm Mass (led by P5). All welcome.
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
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.