



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

May 2019



## Absences/Appointments

Please inform the school office if your child is absent/attending an appointment. Please call 503400 or email [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto: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

Following a very successful interview, Mrs Audrey Duncan will be joining our school community as permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Duncan will take up this post on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Duncan to our school.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Irwin for the work she has undertaken with the pupils in her role as Acting Deputy since August 2017. Mrs Irwin has returned to her post of Principal Teacher in St. Patrick's Primary.

## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting shall be held on Monday 3rd June at 6.30pm.. All welcome.

## Sports Day

St. Bernadette's Sports Day will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (weather permitting).

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice date will be 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.



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.

## SCIAF and Foodbank Donations

Sincere thanks for all the generous donations to SCIAF this year. The recent donations have brought in a total of £418.67!! Thanks also for all the generous foodbank donations. To find out more about SCIAF, please visit the website on <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/> Thank you 😊

**SCIAF**  
Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund



## End of Term Reports

The End of Term Reports will be issued on Friday 21st June 2019.



## Kindness Month

P3 created a Kindness Calendar for the month of May. They decided on a different act of kindness for every day, e.g. Talk positively about others, Make someone laugh. The Kindness Calendar can be viewed on our website.

We would like to say a huge thank you to First4Kids for their act of kindness – the children and staff at the after school club made us cakes and cards.

We have been showing each other acts of kindness by helping each other with lessons, giving a hug when someone needs a hug, and sharing our resources.



## **IpayImpact**

We are introducing iPayimpact online payments to help reduce administration and cash handling in school and also to allow pupils to reduce the amount of cash they carry to school. The system will be fully operational for all primary stage children in the school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. For school meals, each pupil has an account that can be topped up. There are two ways to pay money into this account:

- Falkirk Council iPayimpact web site for school payments:  
<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/>
- Cash/Cheque payments at the school

In order to use the Falkirk Council iPayimpact web site you must have a Mygovscot account. To create one:

- Visit: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/>
  - Click on **Register for an account** and Register for a Mygovscot account
  - Complete the 4 steps to create a Mygovscot account
  - Once registered and your account verified via email link, go back to <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/> and select **Sign In**
- On first sign in, after accepting terms and conditions, you will be asked to provide the **Account Ref** for one of your children to make payments on their behalf. This Account Reference can be found at the top of this letter. Enter the reference provided for one of your children and select **Link Account**.
- Link additional child/ren (if you have more than one child at this school or another school using Falkirk Council iPayimpact)
  - Go to Accounts on the top menu – your first child will be displayed.
  - Click on the ‘Link a New Account’ button
  - Enter the Child Account Reference for your other child/ren as detailed in this letter or similar letter from another school.
  - Click Find Account and Establishment – choose the school from the list (if displayed)
  - Click the Link Account button

## **MAKING A PAYMENT**

- Go to the home page and add the amount you wish to pay for against the item and then click **Add to Basket**
- You can then **Proceed to Checkout**

You then will be directed to the Capita payment gateway where you can enter your debit or credit card details securely. Once the payment has been authorised you will receive an email receipt of your payment.

## **PREORDER MEAL SELECTIONS**

- Log into your account
- On the Home page, click on **Preorder** button next to your child's name
- From the drop down list choose the week you want to make a preorder for then click on **Select**. Please make sure you have made a selection for **EVERY** day of that week and then click on **Confirm Selections**.
- If you want to Preorder for another week, click on **Order for Another Week**

Additional guidance for adding payments can be found here: <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/FAQ>  
Should you have any questions on the above, please contact the school office.



### **Inverclyde 2019**

Our P7's enjoyed the Residential Trip to Inverclyde. 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 McAulay, Mrs Lorenzetti and Mrs Savage for attending this trip with the P7 children.



### **P7 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition**

Our P7's have been given a letter from the Falkirk Herald offering the chance to order copies of the special supplement that will feature in the Falkirk Herald on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the reduced rate of 75p (normal price £1.10). Please make sure all orders are given to the school office no later than Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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](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 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>

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

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

P3: <https://twitter.com/MrsLaidlaw1>

P4: [https://twitter.com/bernadette\\_p4](https://twitter.com/bernadette_p4)

P5: [https://twitter.com/bernadette\\_p5](https://twitter.com/bernadette_p5)

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

P6: <https://twitter.com/P4hSt>

P7: [https://twitter.com/7\\_primary](https://twitter.com/7_primary)

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

## School Events Calendar 2018/19

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
<b>May</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>May</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 2pm P1 class assembly 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 2pm P4 class assembly 30 <sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P4)
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
<b>Jun</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<b>June</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day option 1 / 11 <sup>th</sup> – option 2 7 <sup>th</sup> - Snap Shot Jotters to come home, return Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> – 2pm P2 class assembly 14 <sup>th</sup> – Nursery Sports Day
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>Jul</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	21 <sup>st</sup> – Final written reports to be given home 21 <sup>st</sup> – Nursery Graduation 15 <sup>th</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sacrament of Holy Communion (P4) 27 <sup>th</sup> – 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
<b>Aug</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	<b>Reporting to Parents event</b> <b>Class Led Assembly or School celebration/event</b> <b>Religious observance</b> <b>School closure due to holiday or staff development.</b>
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	