



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter



June 2019

Absences/Appointments

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

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Baby Jack Alfie Laidlaw, born on 18th May, both Mum and baby are doing well.



We welcome back Mrs Kinnaird in the Nursery who has returned after her Maternity Leave.

We shall be welcoming new staff to St. Bernadette's Primary in August. Mrs Aoife Duncan, Mrs Veronica Gray and Miss Cassie Higney shall be joining us.

We say a very sad farewell to Mrs Meier, P4 Teacher – she will be leaving us for pastures new – we wish her every success in her new school.

Congratulations to our former Headteacher, Mrs Quinn (now Mrs McLeod) She was married on Saturday 1st June. We wish her a very happy marriage.



2019/2020 Classes

Your child has been issued with a letter informing them of their Class Teacher. The children met their new Class Teacher on the afternoon of 25th June 2019.

End of Term Mass

End of Term Mass will be on Thursday 27th June at 1.30pm. All welcome.

P7 Leavers Assembly is also on Thursday 27th June at 9.30am
P7 Parents/Carers are welcome, remember the tissues!

End of Term Disco

Our Parent Council have organised an End of Term Disco on Tuesday 25th June. It will start at 6.15pm -7.15pm for Nursery – P3 children then 7.30pm -8.30pm for P4 – P7 children.



200 Club

Congratulations to the winners in the June draw!

£100 Kerry Notarangelo

£50 Kim Ballantine

£50 Moira Kennedy

£25 Christine Stones

£25 Clare Kavanagh

There are forms at the School Reception area if anyone would like to join.



Sacraments

Congratulations to all the children who recently celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion recently.



Uniform

It has been fabulous all year seeing the children looking so smart in their school uniform. Please remember our PE Kit consists of black shorts and the school polo shirt/plain white t-shirt. No logos or brands should be worn. All children are expected to change into appropriate indoor shoes daily. BE Schoolwear have offered 10% everything in their store this June, your child should have brought a flyer home, you need this flyer to receive the 10% off – there are spare copies in the Reception area. BE Schoolwear have informed us that the cut off day for ordering school uniform online is 21st July 2019. The website for ordering online is <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/st-bernadettes-rc-primary-school.html> .Please remember the Swap Shop is always available in the main reception. Any monies raised by the Swap Shop is sent to Mary's Meals. Thank you for your continued support.

Last Day of Term

School will close for the summer holidays at 1.30pm on Friday 28th June. The school buses will collect the children at 1.30pm on this day. If you intend to take your child home for lunch at 12.15pm, they will be released via their classroom door. Please note that pupils can only be collected at 12.15pm sharp. Any child not collected at this time will remain in school until 1.30pm. Please do not try to collect your child at any time other than 12.15pm or 1.30pm. Pupils who are staying until 1.30pm can either order a lunch (letter was given out) or bring a packed lunch with them. School will reopen on Wednesday 21st August at 9am.



Basketball

Huge Congratulations to our Basketball Team - they won the Falkirk Primary schools basketball competition held on 21st May. Huge thanks to Phoebe for her help coaching the team! We are all very proud of you!



Football

Well done to our Football Team, they recently took part in the Steve Burns Memorial Football Tournament at SFC on 30th May. They won 3 from 5 group games then played 2/3 friendlies with other schools. Congratulation to Luke who won Player of the Tournament. Thank you to SFC Coaches who collected our boys and brought them back to school – we really appreciated it!



P7 Falkirk Games

Our P7's took part in the Falkirk Games held at Grangemouth Stadium on Wednesday 19th June. This was an event organised by Falkirk Community Trust and Active Schools.

St. Mungo's Awards

Well done to Millie and Luke in P7 for obtaining a Certificate of Excellence in P.E. throughout P7 at the St. Mungo's Awards ceremony held on 6th June.



Pupil's Achievements

Well done to one of our P1 pupils, Róisín. She donated 13 inches of her hair to the Little Princess trust so that it could be used to make wigs for sick kids. She also raised £560 to support the charity. We are very proud of you Róisín and your new hair cut looks beautiful!



Well done to Josie in P5 – she was recently interviewed by Central FM to discuss all her amazing fund raising efforts. What a great experience!



If you would like to share your child's achievements outwith school we would love to hear from you. Please email details to stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk.

Parent Council

On behalf of staff, parents and children we would like to say a **HUGE** Thank You to the Parent Council and the Fundraising Group for everything they have done this year. They are so supportive and their fundraising efforts are amazing.

ST. BERNADETTE'S NEEDS YOU



St. Bernadette's fundraising group needs new members to be involved with the fantastic events held each year at the school.

As kids move on so do parents and without more parents support the below events will eventually come to an end!

- Kids Disco – Halloween/Easter/Summer
- Family BBQ
- Summer Fayre
- Annual Quiz Night
- Race Night and many more.....

Year on year school budgets have been tightened and without the funds raised from the above events St. Bernadette's would not have been able to provide the below for your children.



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| • Sumdog | • Classroom Smartboards | • Wellsfield & Almond |
| • Busy Things | • Outdoor toys | Valley Family Pass |
| • Picnic Benches & Woody | • Running Bibs | • Astro Turf In Nursery |
| | • 20 iPads & Apple TV's | • Climbing Wall |

Plus much more.....

Farewell to our P7's

We would like to wish our P7's the best of luck as they venture off to High School. Some pupils shall be going to St. Mungo's High School and some to Larbert High School. We also have one of our pupils going off to Queen Anne's in Dunfermline. This year's P7 are quite special to us as they are the first year that have seen all their primary years at St. Bernadette's since we opened in 2012. We hope Parents/Carers of our P7's can make it the leaving assembly on the 27th June at 9.30am. Remember to bring the tissues!



What is norovirus?

You've probably heard of the 'winter vomiting bug' – that's what people call norovirus, just because it's more common in winter. You can catch it at any time of year though. It spreads very easily, and it can affect anyone of any age, causing **vomiting and diarrhoea**.

Other symptoms include:

- mild fever
- headaches
- stomach cramps
- aching limbs.

Norovirus is unpleasant, but not usually dangerous. There's no cure for it – you just have to let it run its course and avoid contact with other people until you feel better. That usually takes just a few days.

What to do if you catch norovirus

Keep it to yourself.

Staying at home and keeping your hands clean can help avoid spreading norovirus to others. You can still be infectious up to 48 hours after your symptoms go, so it's best to avoid seeing other people during that time. It's especially important to avoid visiting anyone in a hospital or care home, as norovirus is more serious for people who are already ill.

Drink plenty of liquid.

Water is best. This will replace the water your body loses from vomiting and diarrhoea. Avoid alcohol.

Eat food that's easy to digest.

That means things like soup, rice, pasta and bread. Babies should continue with their normal feeds.

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.



Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information

On behalf of all staff at St. Bernadette's Primary School and Nursery, may we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and wish all families a lovely Summer break.



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