



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

August 2019



Welcome back to our 8th 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 2nd 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

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.**

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's Class Teacher on Wednesday 18th September. All parents are invited to come along at either 5.30pm – 6pm or 6pm – 6.30pm to discuss the Curriculum.

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.

Please remember you can pay lunch money online via IpayImpact.



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 2019 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 as soon as possible.

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.

Respect Me – Anti Bullying Parent Session

Respect Me will lead an anti-bullying parent information session in St. Bernadette's Primary on the 9th October, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

The key elements of the session for parents are:

- To help parents/carers understand what bullying is and how this plays out online and face to face
- To help parents/carers understand how they can offer important support to children affected by bullying behaviour
- To support parents/carers to consider their role in promoting positive respectful relationships in order to prevent bullying behaviour
- To raise parents' awareness of practical skills to help children to deal with bullying behaviour and to keep themselves safe

Allergies

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with nut products or legumes (foods which are members of the pea family) at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars and Peanut Butter sandwiches, sugar snap peas to school.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts and legumes. Peanuts or legumes 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 or legumes products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.

All Falkirk Council school lunch menus do not have nut products as standard but our school menu will also be altered to remove peas. An alternative vegetable will be offered on these days.

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.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School



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.

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. 


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/P1STBPS>
 - P2 <https://twitter.com/p2StBernadettes>
 - P3 <https://twitter.com/P3stbernadettes>
 - P4 <https://twitter.com/p4stbernadettes>
 - P5 <https://twitter.com/P5StBernadette1>
 - P6H <https://twitter.com/misshiqneySTB6H>
 - P6D <https://twitter.com/P6DStBernadette>
 - P7 To be confirmed
- 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.rcstated.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 Calendar 2019/20

Month	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Notes
Sep 2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	September
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	18th - Meet the Teacher 5.30 - 6.00pm or 6.00 - 6.30pm
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	27th - 1.30pm P6 Pope Francis Faith Awards Enrolment Mass
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27th - 2.30pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	November
Oct	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1st - 1.30pm Mass (All Saints) (led by P6D)
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1st - 2.30pm P4 Sacrament of Holy Communion meeting
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	1st - Snap Shot jotters home, return Monday 4th
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3rd - 10.30am P4 Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
Nov	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8th - 1.30pm P6D class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P6D)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	13th - Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.00pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	20th - Parent Consultations 4.30pm - 7.00pm
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22nd - 1.30pm P6H class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P6H)
Dec	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	29th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P6H)
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	December
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	6th - Nursery Nativity
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	11th - 9.30am and 1.15pm Cakes and Carols / Nativity
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	13th - Nursery party (am)
Jan 2020	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P5)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16th - P4&P5 party (am) and P6&P7 party (pm)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17th - P1 party (am) and P2&P3 party (pm)
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	18th - Christmas lunch
Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	19th - whole school pantomime visit
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	January
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	24th - 1.30pm P4 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P4)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31st - 1.30pm Mass (led by P4)
Mar	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	February
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7th - 1.30pm P3 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P3)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21st - 1.30pm P7 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P7)
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26th - Ash Wednesday Service (led by P6D)
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	28th - Mass (led by P7)
Apr	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	March
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	6th - Snap Shot jotters home, return Monday 9th
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18th - Parent Consultations 4.30pm - 7.00pm
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	20th - 1.30pm P5 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P5)
May	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	25th - Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 7.00pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	27th - 1.30pm Mass (led by P6H)
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	28th - 11am or 2pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30th - P7 Residential week
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	May
Jun	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	21st - 1.30pm Mass (Feast of the Ascension) (led by P5)
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22nd - 1.30pm P2 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P2)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	June
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	2nd - Sports Day (option 1) or 16th (option 2)
Jul	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5th - 1.30pm P1 class assembly, followed by child-led learning (P1)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	6th or 13th - 10.30am P4 Sacrament of Holy Communion
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	12th - Nursery Sports Day
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	19th - Final written reports to be given home
Aug	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	19th - Nursery Graduation
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	24th - 9.30am P7 Leaver's Assembly / 1.30pm Mass (led by P7)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	School closure due to holiday or staff development

