



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

November 2020



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.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In Autumn/Winter 2020 flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms. The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is Friday 27th November 2020.

Meetings

Following National guidelines there are no 'face-to-face' meetings permitted within the school setting. However, if you have any concerns/questions please do not hesitate to contact school. If management/teaching staff are not available at the time of your call, we shall endeavour to call you as soon as possible.

Wet Weather

Pupils are permitted to bring in a change of shoes and socks for very wet days. These can be brought in a bag.

200 Club

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners!

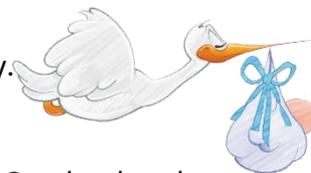
The November 200 Club winners were:

- £100 - 6 Sarah Gallacher
- £50 - 147 Suzanne McKay
- £50 - 205 Dana McGuigan
- £25 - 99 Mike Kelly
- £25 - 43 David Wallace

If you are interested in joining the 200 club please email stbernadettes200club@gmail.com. It only costs £3 per month for 1 number.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Podmore on the safe arrival of her baby boy recently. Baby arrived earlier than expected! Mummy and baby are both doing well.



Congratulations also to Miss McAulay who got engaged over the October break.

Thank you

We wish to say Thank you to our Parent Council for the recent donation of Juice, Crisps and Sweets for EVERY Nursery and Primary Child as a Halloween treat. The children really appreciated this kind gesture!



Sacraments

Congratulations to our P5 pupils who have recently received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Christmas Hamper Appeal

The PFFA groups would like to thank everyone for the very kind donations handed in for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. We were quite overwhelmed with the amount of donations. We have established links with the KLSB Pantry and Love Falkirk and shall be donating hampers to those in need. We also donated hampers to Strathcarron Hospice.

Thank You

for your Kindness



Layering Up!

Due to the classrooms having to be well ventilated we strongly advise children to 'layer up'. Although we still have our uniform policy in school we understand that the importance of keeping the children warm is the priority. Closer to the Christmas holidays children can wear their Christmas Jumpers if they so wish.

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. All jumpers are washed and are kept for 72 hours before being put on the table. Thank you 😊

Uniform Swap Shop

We recently donated £50.00 to Mary's Meals with donations made to our Uniform Swap Shop. We received this email: "Thanks you so much for your precious gift of £50.00 which is helping us to keep hungry children despite the extraordinary difficult circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. More than one million of the children who usually eat Mary's Meals at school with now receive our nutritious food at home. I am aware that you are very possibly facing challenges of your own amidst the uncertainty of this situation and I hope you know that, as part of our family, you are in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness to this work and the children we serve. Daniel Adams, UK Executive Director, Mary's Meals."

So **thank you** for all your kind donations. The uniform swap shop is still up and running at the main reception of the school!

Santa Hat Day

This year we are taking part in Strathcarron Hospice's Santa Hat Day. Strathcarron donate Santa Hats for all our Nursery and School children. We ask for a small donation of at least a £1.00 to support this local hospice. We shall be holding activities within school on 18th December. To reduce the handling of cash within school, can we please ask that you donate by clicking [here](#) .



Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our recent collection raised £57.20 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



School Resources

Can we please request that any school resources that were given to children during lockdown be returned to school as soon as possible? Items such as Fresh Start, Bug Club etc. We have a record of the items that were given to individual children but would like to put this plea out first before chasing up individually! Thank you.

Christmas Cards

Due to current COVID guidance we are trying to minimise the amount of items brought in from home or leaving the school. Therefore we request that pupils do not bring individual Christmas cards into school for their friends. Unfortunately if anyone does bring individual cards in, they will be returned home undelivered. Instead, we invite your child to bring in one card addressed to their whole class. There will be a display board in each classroom where children can pin these to. Alternatively your child is welcome to send a virtual Christmas greeting to their class via the class Teams page.

Christmas Parties

Now that the school gym hall can be used again by individual classes, we are delighted we can still have a Christmas party. These will be with individual classes only. Children are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothing on the day of their party. Unfortunately due to current guidance, children cannot change at lunchtime into party clothes if their party is in the afternoon.

Wednesday 16 th December (afternoon)	Primary 6
Thursday 17 th December (morning)	Primary 4
Thursday 17 th December (afternoon)	Primary 3
Friday 18 th December (morning)	Nursery
Friday 18 th December (afternoon)	Primary 7M
Monday 21 st December (morning)	Primary 5
Monday 21 st December (afternoon)	Primary 7A
Tuesday 22 nd December (morning)	Primary 1
Tuesday 22 nd December (afternoon)	Primary 2



12 Days of Fitmas

The Falkirk Active Schools team have designed a fun and exciting project called the 12 Days of Fitmas. This project is about participation, fun and enjoyment whilst promoting health and wellbeing. We will have from 3rd of December until 18th December to complete all 12 challenges

There will be 12 challenges for you to complete, such as:

- Walking a Fitmas themed mile
- Creating Fitmas themed posters
- Fitmas class selfie challenges – incorporating different holds and balances
- A Fitmas Themed school or class Dance
- Create a Fitmas workout

Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately due to current guidance, there will be no Christmas lunch offered this year in school.

Virtual Celebration of Christmas

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we cannot invite you into school for our annual Christmas concert. However, every class will be working hard to produce a virtual celebration of Christmas. All classes learning will be recorded and shared with you via email, class Teams or SeeSaw.

St. Bernadette's Got Talent

We usually hold a talent show on the last day of term. As our classes are still restricted from gathering together, we are going to hold a virtual talent show. Children are invited to record their talent at home and post it on their class Teams page (P1 can share this via SeeSaw) Class teachers will issue a final date for this. Every class will watch their classes acts and vote on their favourite two. These two acts will proceed to the final of St. Bernadette's Got Talent 2020. On the morning of Wednesday 23rd December, all classes will be invited to a virtual Teams meet in their own classroom where each of the finalist acts will be viewed. A panel of highly professional judges (Mr Clark, Mrs Angus and Mrs Martin) will decide our overall winners from P1-4 and P5-7.



Scottish Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that made a donation for a Poppy this year. Our school raised £105.00 for the Poppy Scotland Appeal. P7M created this lovely display to mark Remembrance Day.



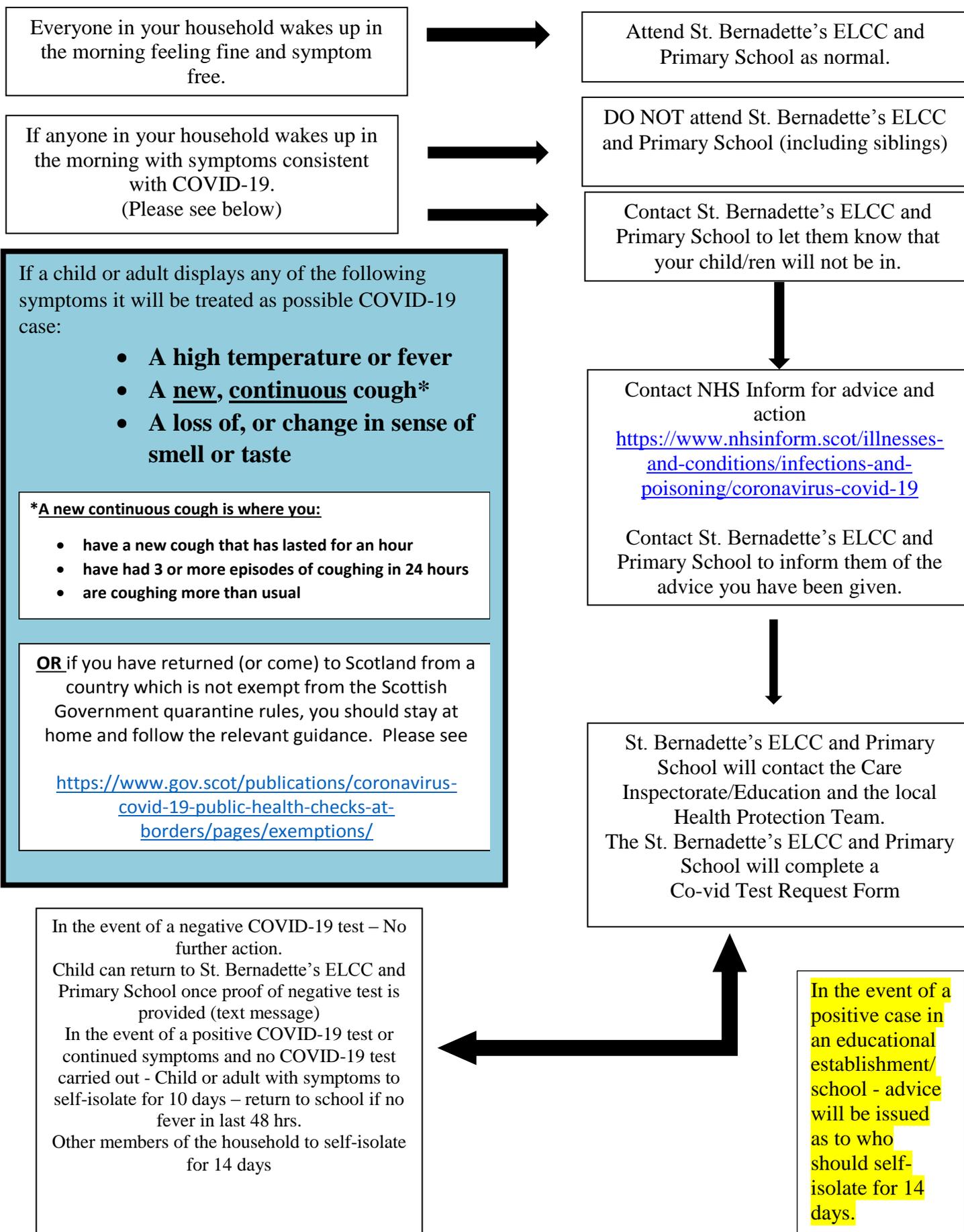
Children in Need

Huge Thank you for all the very generous donations for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal. At the time of this Newsletter being sent out the Just Giving page is at £638.00!! Our children enjoyed the activities held in school.



Suspected COVID-19 Flowchart (before St. Bernadette's ELCC and P.S.) August 2020

The flowchart below will help you make the decision whether to send your child/ren to St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School in relation to COVID-19 symptoms.



Primary 1 Enrolment and Primary & Secondary Placing Requests

Children who reach 5 years of age on or before 18th August 2021 **must** commence primary education at the start of the school session in August 2021.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or between the 19th August 2021 and 28th February 2022 **may** commence primary education in August 2021.

At Primary 1 entry, parents/carers are entitled to enrol their children at their

- catchment non-denominational school
- catchment denominational school if they are baptised Roman Catholic (RC baptismal certificate must be provided).

You can enrol your child for Primary 1 online at www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolments

Enrolments will be accepted from 1st November until 31st December 2020 for entry to Primary 1 the following August.

What you need to know:

- You will be required to register for a 'My Falkirk' account.
- Your address will be checked against Council Tax records for verification.
- A copy of your child's RC Baptism certificate is required to support enrolment at a RC school.

If your child does not already attend a Falkirk Council or Partner nursery you will be asked to submit their birth certificate or passport as proof of identification.

You **MUST** enrol your child at the catchment school for your address in addition to any placing request you may choose to submit.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACING REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 2021

Parents/Carers **must** submit a Placing Request if they wish their child:

- to attend a school other than their catchment area school
- to attend a denominational school and are not baptised Roman Catholic
- to transfer from a non-denominational primary school to a denominational (RC) secondary school or vice versa

Online placing request applications can be made via the Council's website www.falkirk.gov.uk/placingrequests. Written application forms are available from all schools and from Children's Services. Written applications must be returned to the Director of Children's Services at the address below.

Applications will be accepted no earlier than Thursday 3rd December 2020 until the 15th March 2021. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome in writing by the 30th April 2021. Placing Requests received after the 15th March 2021 will be notified of the outcome within eight weeks of receipt of the application.

Parents/Carers must enrol their child at the catchment area school for their home address whilst awaiting the outcome of their Placing Request application.

School Uniform

It is great to see all our pupils in our School Uniform. We wish to thank parents/carers for always ensuring our children look so smart. BE Schoolwear in Falkirk are open. There are many items of our school uniform on offer at the moment – up to half price!

For example:



Waterproof jacket with a detachable windproof fleece inside.

Outer jacket is embroidered with the school logo.

Price From: £22.90 now **Special Price £11.45**



V Neck Jumper

Price From: £17.50 now **Special Price £8.75**

Please click [here](#) to view the other items on offer

Outdoor Learning and Play

Just a reminder that all children will regularly be outdoors learning and during interval and lunchtimes. Can you please ensure your child has an appropriate jacket for our ever changing Scottish weather.



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

Achievements

If you would like to share your child's achievements, please email the school and they shall be included in our next Newsletter.

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



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

Class Twitter

Below is a link to each classes Twitter page. Please check for regular updates.

P1 <https://twitter.com/P1StBernadettes>

P2 <https://twitter.com/p2StBernadettes>

P3 <https://twitter.com/P3stbernadettes>

P4 <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>

P5 <https://twitter.com/misshiqneySTB>

P6 <https://twitter.com/P6StBernadettes>

P7M <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsqallacherSTB>

P7A <https://twitter.com/P7AStBernadett1>

School Twitter <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>



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and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>