



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

April 2021



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.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school could you please call the school office to notify us of this and NOT by sending messages to Teachers via See-Saw or Teams. If you do not get a reply please leave a message on the answering machine.

Alternatively you can report an absence by emailing the school at [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk).

Thank you.

## 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.

## 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)

## Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of May it is International Outdoor Classroom Day, St Bernadette's will be taking part with all class lessons and activities taking place outside. (School lunches will not be affected.)

**Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On the day, thousands of schools around the world take lessons outdoors and prioritise playtime.**

**Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood. ( <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/> )**

On this day, your child can come to school wearing comfortable clothes and practical shoes which they don't mind getting dirty. Please also ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather e.g. sunscreen, hat, jacket, waterproofs etc.



## 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, Rapid Readers 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! Stationery items DO NOT have to be returned. Thank you.

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

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.

Everyone in your household wakes up in the morning feeling fine and symptom free.

Attend St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School as normal.

If anyone in your household wakes up in the morning with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.  
(Please see below)

DO NOT attend St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School (including siblings)

Contact St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School to let them know that your child/ren will not be in.

If a child or adult displays any of the following symptoms it will be treated as possible COVID-19 case:

- **A high temperature or fever**
- **A new, continuous cough\***
- **A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste**

**\*A new continuous cough is where you:**

- have a new cough that has lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual

Contact NHS Inform for advice and action

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Contact St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School to inform them of the advice you have been given.

**OR** if you have returned (or come) to Scotland from a country which is not exempt from the Scottish Government quarantine rules, you should stay at home and follow the relevant guidance. Please see

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/exemptions/>

St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School will contact the Care Inspectorate/Education and the local Health Protection Team. The St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School will complete a Co-vid Test Request Form

In the event of a negative COVID-19 test – No further action.

Child can return to St. Bernadette's ELCC and Primary School once proof of negative test is provided (text message)

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test or continued symptoms and no COVID-19 test carried out - Child or adult with symptoms to self-isolate for 10 days – return to school if no fever in last 48 hrs.

Other members of the household to self-isolate for 14 days

In the event of a positive case in an educational establishment/school - advice will be issued as to who should self-isolate for 14 days.

### Mr Clark Retiring

We are very sad that Mr Clark, our morning janitor, has decided to retire. Mr Clark has been with us from the very beginning of St. Bernadette's Primary and has become a very important part of our day-to-day school life. He often goes above and beyond his job role and is a popular member of staff with his colleagues, pupils, parents, grandparents and families. We shall inform parents/carers by email of the arrangements for Mr Clark's last day. He shall be leaving on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We will miss him lots!



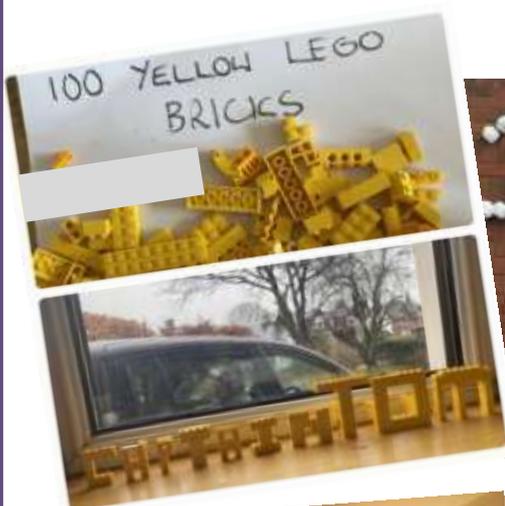
### Staffing News

Mrs Kinnaird, Senior Early Years Officer and Miss Lindie have now started their shielding before maternity leave. Mrs Honeymoon shall be acting Senior Early Years Officer. We wish Mrs Kinnaird and Miss Lindie all the best as they start the countdown to their babies arriving. We also warmly welcome Miss Shields to the Nursery.



### Century Challenge

Thank you to the pupils that took part in the Century Challenge to honour Captain Sir Tom Moore.



### Voyage to the Vatican – SCiAF Lent Challenge

We are so proud of everyone that took part and donated to our Voyage to the Vatican to raise money for SCiAF! Our final total raised including Gift Aid, is £2,432 and this will be doubled by UK Aid Match too 😊 Please click [here](#) to view a video clip Mrs Gallacher made to thank everyone!



### Litter Picking

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Primary 5 took to the local area to carry out a litter pick. They collected eight bags of rubbish from the paths and grassy areas surrounding the school grounds. During the litter pick they learned about ways to look after the local area, health and safety and working together to achieve a goal. We are very proud of the enthusiasm they showed and we hope they have set an example to their friends and families. Well done to everyone in P5!

# Job well done!



### Reading

A group of staff are working together to enhance our pupil experiences of reading at St Bernadette's Primary. We have recently joined the Scottish Book Trust Reading Schools accreditation and there will be lots of opportunities for pupils and families to engage with reading this term and beyond. Teachers have been gathering feedback and ideas from staff and pupils and are using these to plan their next steps.

These include:

Mrs Lorenzetti – Creating a Reading Leadership Group with pupils and parents

Miss Higney and Mrs Gallacher – Developing resources to enhance the teaching of reading

Mrs Gray and Mrs Martin – Looking into the gender differences in reading and how we can engage more boys

Dr Al-Azzawi – Auditing and diversifying our school library and novel sets

Mrs Duncan – Developing the Reading Curriculum - planning, teaching and assessment of reading

If you are interested in helping us to develop our young people's love of reading, please contact your child's teacher on Seesaw or call Mrs Duncan on the office number for a chat on (01324) 503400.



## School Lunches

Lunches are free for all children in P1-P3 and £2.05 for children in P4-P7. Please click [here](#) to view the Lunch menus.

Menu cycle dates (Jan 2021 - June 2021)

| Week 1     | Week 2     | Week 3     |
|------------|------------|------------|
|            |            | 04/01/2021 |
| 11/01/2021 | 18/01/2021 | 25/01/2021 |
| 01/02/2021 | 08/02/2021 | 15/02/2021 |
| 22/02/2021 | 01/03/2021 | 08/03/2021 |
| 15/03/2021 | 22/03/2021 | 29/03/2021 |
| 05/04/2021 | 12/04/2021 | 19/04/2021 |
| 26/04/2021 | 03/05/2021 | 10/05/2021 |
| 17/05/2021 | 24/05/2021 | 31/05/2021 |
| 07/06/2021 | 14/06/2021 | 21/06/2021 |
| 28/06/2021 |            |            |

## Support

Particularly during these challenging times, we appreciate that families may be struggling and require additional support. We want our families to know that we are here for you and can direct you to the relevant supports if you need them. All enquiries will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially so please don't hesitate to contact us. Any family facing food insecurity can also contact our Support for People team for help. They can be contacted on 0808 100 3161 <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/covid19/support-for-people.aspx>.



Please do get in touch; we are happy to help.

## Our New P1 Transition

### Welcome

A very warm welcome from St. Bernadette's Primary School.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into Primary 1 in August 2021.

We have arranged a number of transition activities for the children but due to COVID-19 restrictions, they may look a bit different this year.

### Bernie Bear

The ELC have a transition bear called Bernie. Bernie will be in the ELC over the next few weeks telling the children all about Primary 1.

If your child does not attend St. Bernadette's ELC we will contact their current ELC setting to ensure we have a transition conversation with their key worker.

### St. Bernadette's Primary School



### Primary 1 Transition



### Transition Outdoor Evening Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 4.30pm - 5.30pm

As we are still unable to invite parents/careers into the school building, we would like to invite you and your child to a transition outdoor evening.

Your child will be able to participate in a variety of activities in the school playground. Yvonne Manning from Library Services will join us for a snack and story.

Parents/careers are invited to come along and meet key staff and will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Please ensure parents/carers follow all COVID-19 guidance, maintain a 2m distance and wear a face covering.

If it is raining on 1<sup>st</sup> June we will postpone until the following Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. An email will be sent if this is to happen.

### Nursery Rhymes

All children who attend an ELC in the Larbert/Stenhousemuir area will participate in nursery rhyme activities. This joint transition activity will allow children who do not attend St. Bernadette's ELC to be participating in the same activities.

### Outdoor Home Visit

Following the transition evening, the class teacher and EYO will visit your child on their doorstep.

This will be a quick 5 minute visit but it will allow your child to meet their teacher on an individual basis.

This is another opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss any concerns.

Further information about Primary 1 will be emailed to you before the Transition Outdoor Evening.

### May Holiday

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The In-Service days are Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. All school holidays can be found [here](#).

### School Uniform

It is great to see our pupils back in their school uniform, we have been advised that BE Schoolwear shops are now re-opened. Our local branch is in Vicar Street, Falkirk. Uniform can be ordered online

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/st-bernadettes-rc-primary-school.html>

Please remember we also have the Uniform Swap Shop in the main reception of the school. If your child has outgrown their uniform and it is still in very good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to our swap shop. You are also welcome to browse the table and see if there is anything your child would perhaps need. There is a small box near the table if you wish to make a small donation to Mary's Meals. Thank you.

### 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



### 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**

### 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



## **200 Club are back!**

Thank you for your patience and continued support through the hiatus of draws due to Covid lockdown restrictions, but happy to say that the 200 Club is up and running again! There were 4 months of draws made and the lucky numbers and winners are:

### January 2021

£100 - 17 Veronica Cully  
£50 - 24 Veronica Coyle  
£50 - 215 George Risk  
£25 - 35 Robert Bissett  
£25 - 200 Debbie Blair



### February 2021

£100 - 140 Maureen Moore  
£50 - 136 Bernadette Ewing's  
£50 - 227 Phil Trevis  
£25 - 170 Gemma Scott  
£25 - 147 Suzanne McKay

### March 2021

£100 - 56 Michelle Weston  
£50 - 119 Marion Scott  
£50 - 12 Stewart O'Donnell  
£25 - 136 Bernadette Ewing's  
£25 - 223 Anne Walker



### April 2021

£100 - 33 Debbie O'Donnell  
£50 - 151 Katy Macaulay  
£50 - 69 Katrina Mackenzie  
£25 - 153 Roddie O'Connor  
£25 - 191 Lyndsay Dennis

Under the current circumstances the winnings shall be delivered by the 200 Club team rather than ask you to call at the school. Thanks again to all the members for continuing to support the 200 Club. Anyone wishing to join the 200 club please contact [stbernadettes200club@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettes200club@gmail.com)

## **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>