



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

August 2021



Welcome back to our 10th year at St. Bernadette's. A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their parents/carers.

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.

General Illness

As per NHS guidance, if your child is displaying sickness or stomach upset, your child **must not** return to school until they are 48 hours clear of symptoms. If your child falls ill during the school day, we will contact you via telephone. Please ensure all contact details are up to date.

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.**

COVID-19

If you think that you, your children or a member of your family may have coronavirus you should follow the latest NHS guidance at:

www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19

Please click [here](#) for the latest information on Self-Isolating and Contact Tracing within schools.

Please continue to look out for symptoms in your own family.

The most common symptoms are:

1. New continuous cough
2. Fever/high temperature (37.8C or above)
3. Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

Within school, there are no longer 'bubbles'. Large gatherings indoors (e.g. whole school assemblies) are still not permitted; however, we are allowed to sing outdoors and indoors. Adults are still required to wear face coverings in corridors & communal areas. Also, adults whenever possible are required to observe social distancing of at least 1m from other adults. Parents/carers are asked to observe social distancing in school grounds and to continue to wear face coverings. If you need to come into school for a meeting this must be arranged in advance.

PE Arrangements

Primary 1, 2 and 3 have P.E. on a Tuesdays with Mrs McLeod. Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 have PE on Wednesdays with Mrs Morrison. The Class Teacher will inform you via see saw of the other PE day your child has. Can we please remind parents/carers that children should come to school on their PE days wearing appropriate clothing, such as leggings or jogging suit trouser and a school polo shirt.

Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Mrs Savage is meeting with Father John this week to discuss dates for children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. We shall put information out as soon as we can.

Photographs

Could you please let the school know ASAP if you do **NOT** want your child's photograph on school/class Twitter/Newsletters/School Website. Please email the school stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk Thank you.

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 2021, 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. Unfortunately, forms cannot be accepted and you would have to contact your GP if you have not returned the form to school. The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is Wednesday 17th November 2021.

School Photographs

Tempest shall be in school on Friday 3rd September to take family and individual school photographs. These shall be taken outside. We are delighted to be able to have school photographs taken again. Parents will be sent home a proof photograph and have the opportunity to purchase packs – there is NO OBLIGATION to buy.

Please ensure your child comes to school on Friday in full school uniform – including their biggest smile ☺

Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald photograph will be in school on Monday 6th September to take the P1 class photograph to be included in the Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition. Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to purchase this edition at a reduced price – letter to follow ☺

Under The Trees Family Learning Programme

We are delighted to inform you that we will be working in partnership with Under the Trees to offer a 6-week family learning programme. We will have availability for 8 families per block but multiple blocks will be held throughout the year. This programme is open to all ages and all family members. Look out for the electronic booking form, which will be sent this week.

When: Tuesdays 3pm to 4.30pm

Where: School Playground

Block 1: 21st September - 2nd November

Block 2: 9th November - 14th December

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome our new morning Janitor, Mr Taylor, to St. Bernadette's. Please say hello to Mr Taylor if you see him in the playground!



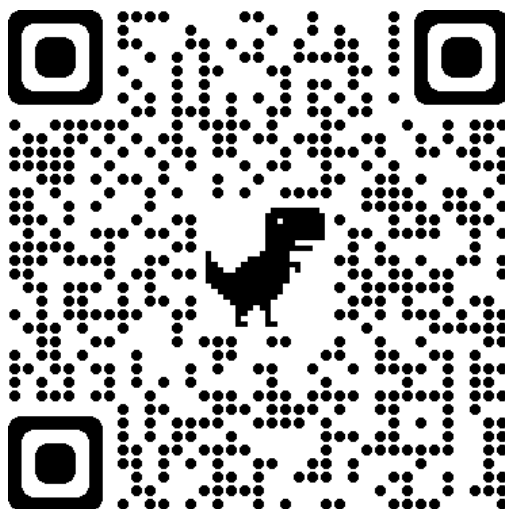
Primary One

Our Primary 1's have all settled in very well at school. Last week they had a tour of the school and met other staff in school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We would rather you ask us than let something worry you.



A message about reading from Mrs Duncan

Reading is one of our school improvement priorities this year and we are always looking for new ways to share our journey with parents. The Thinglink below contains information about the steps we are taking to improve reading engagement in our school and how you can get involved. Each month we will add more photos, videos, comments and ideas for you to enjoy.



Scooter/Bike Rota

Below is the scooter/bike rota:

Monday	P7 & P1
Tuesday	P2 & P6
Wednesday	P3 & P5
Thursday	P4 & P7
Friday	NO BIKE/SCOOTER DAY

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.

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 the rear of the building; parents accessing this service may use the staff car park to drop off /collect children.



School Lunches

Lunches are free for all children in P1-P4 and £2.05 for children in P5-P7. However, P5 shall be free in January 2022, P6 shall be free in April 2022 and P7 shall be free August 2022.

ipayImpact

We use 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. This is the same system used in all Falkirk Council schools, including High Schools and is really worthwhile setting up and familiarising yourself with it. 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.

Allergies

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with any nut products at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars and Peanut Butter sandwiches.

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.

All Falkirk Council school lunch menus do not have nut products as standard.

Further information can be viewed here:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/what-is-anaphylaxis/signs-and-symptoms>

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



School Website

Please check the school website regularly as this will be the main source of information for parents.

The address is <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

Class Twitter

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

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

P2 <https://twitter.com/P2StBernadettes>

P3 <https://twitter.com/P6StBernadettes>

P4 <https://twitter.com/Primary4StB>

P5 <https://twitter.com/P5Bernadettes>

P6 <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsqallacherSTB>

P7 https://twitter.com/Mrs_Podmore https://twitter.com/MrsBrown_STBPS

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.rcstanded.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."



September weekend Monday 13th September 2021

October holidays – Monday 11th 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

Staff In Service Day – Monday 18th October 2021

Flu Immunisations in school – Wednesday 17th November 2021

School photograph day – Friday 3rd September 2021