



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter



September 2021

Emergency Contacts/ Medical Information

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.

Outdoor Learning and Play

Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for our ever changing Scottish Weather. It really does help when our child/s name is on all clothing.



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.

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



Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald is delighted to be producing a special Primary One souvenir edition on Thursday 4th November 2021, marking your son or daughter's all-important step up to primary school. The special supplement will feature full colour pictures of Primary One classes from schools across the area. We are sure you will agree that they will be popular and we are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to purchase copies of the newspaper. You can now purchase copies via the Falkirk Herald contact centre on 0330 403 3004 or via the Event partner website falkirkheraldprimary1.eventbrite.co.uk at a reduced cost of 90p per copy. There are fees applicable to website payments, which are controlled by Eventbrite. We would be grateful if you would complete your order via telephone or online no later than the 25th October 2021. The phone lines are open 8.30am until 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am until 12noon Saturday. These copies will be delivered directly to school and given to your child to take home.

Foodbank for KLSB Community Group

We are delighted to help KLSB Community Group with their Foodbank collections. Thank you for everyone that donated to the last Foodbank – it was really appreciated. KLSB kindly donated the flower barrels you might see around our school. Please see below products they require to help people in the community. We have a trolley at our main reception if you can help with any of these items. Thank you!

Donations required

Please help your community

Products needed in the pantry

Tinned Stewing Steak	Soap Bars	Washing Powder (Small)
Tinned Oual Ham	Shampoo	Surface Spray Cleaner
Dry Cheesy Pasta	Toilet Roll	Disinfectant Wipes
Tinned Curries	Toothpaste	Washing Up Liquid
Tomato Sauce	Deodorants	Fabric Conditioner
Brown Sauce	Shower Gel	Toilet Cleaner
Diluting Juice	Baby Wipes	Floor Cleaner
Mayonnaise	Hand Sanitiser	Glass Cleaner
Cooking Oil	Adult Toothbrush	Disinfectant
UHT Milk	Liquid Hand Soap	Bleach



School Lunches

Please be advised that with effect from Monday 4th October school meals shall increase to £2.25. Lunches are free for all children in P1-P4. However, P5 shall be free in January 2022, P6 shall be free in April 2022 and P7 shall be free August 2022. Menus and information can be found [here](#).

Request from P7

If any of our families are thinking about having a pre-Christmas clear out. P7 are looking for board games. Thank you ☺



Steve Burns Football Tournament

Well done to Mr Taylor and the football teams – they took part in the Steve Burns Memorial Football Tournament at Stenhousemuir FC on Thursday 30th September. Mr Taylor's match report states that all players played really well and should be very proud of themselves in their 1st tournament! Although we didn't win the tournament, both teams had a victory and each child was presented with a medal. Thank you to Linlithgow Bridge Primary and Falkirk FC Academy for allowing us to borrow football strips.



Mobile Phones

If your child brings their mobile phone or smart watch 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 or smart watch 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.



200 Club Winners

Congratulations to the below winners! The Parent Council fundraising group are kindly continuing to deliver the winnings to the lucky winners due to COVID.

July 2021

£100 - 15 Kirsty Amore Feeney
£50 - 166 James Macrae
£50 - 128 Donna Kennedy
£25 - 121 Marilyn Lynch
£25 - 66 Martha Butterly

August 2021

£100 - 137 Katie Sweeney
£50 - 146 Suzanne McKay
£50 - 97 Anne Lochie
£25 - 19 Veronica Cully
£25 - 221 Adam Ryan

September 2021

£100 – 11 Clementina Risk
£50 – 197 Ann Lockie
£50 – 13 Stewart O'Donnell
£25 – 154 Julie Heeps
£25 – 94 Elizabeth Kilbride

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. We would love to have more people join up to help support the school.



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/mrsgallacherSTB>

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>



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