



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

August 2022



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.**

Primary One

Our Primary 1's have all settled in very well at 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.

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.

Emails

As we are an ECO school letters very rarely go out in paper form. There is lots of emails sent out to parents, you should have received numerous already! If you have not received any, it may mean that we do not have your up-to-date email address. Please let Mrs Heeps know and she can update your details. A 2nd contact can also be added to the mailing list, just let us know the name and email address. 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 2022, 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 by **25th August**. Unfortunately, forms cannot be accepted after the 25th and you would have to contact your GP to arrange. The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is Tuesday 20th September 2022.

School Photographs

Tempest shall be in school on Thursday 8th September to take family and individual school photographs. 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 photographer will be in school on Thursday 1st 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 ☺

Literacy Leadership Group

Do you or a family member have any time to spare to help our pupils make excellent progress on their reading journey?

If so, we would love you to step into our school and become an important part of our **Literacy Leadership** group. We hope to recruit a group of parent and grandparent volunteers to carry out any of the following jobs -

- Read stories and play reading games in the school library and/or playground
- Help to keep our library tidy and well organised
- Accompany classes on visits to Larbert Library
- Create eye catching wall displays to celebrate books and authors
- Support the setting up and running of our Scholastic Book fair
- Run a weekly lunchtime Book Club
- Raise funds to purchase new books



Any day, any time, we will find a way to make it work. Daily, weekly, monthly or as a one off visit, we will work with any time you have to spare.

Please email Mrs Duncan on audrey.duncan@falkirk.gov.uk to enquire and/or suggest any great ideas that you may have to support our reading journey.

Message from Active Schools

Welcome back to school – Active Schools in conjunction with St Bernadette's PS is looking to offer as many sporting opportunities as possible for your young people. If you are interested in offering support or leading a sports club please contact Lisa.male@falkirk.gov.uk Don't worry we will offer you training to support this, it is also essential that we PVG any new volunteers as part of this training process. I look forward to hearing from you!

School Lunches

Lunches are free for all children in P1-P5. Please note there has been a price increase for school lunches and the cost per child is now £2.35 for P6 & P7 pupils.

Seasons for Growth

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At St Bernadette's Primary we recognise that life can be difficult for a while when changes happen in families through death, separation, divorce or other reasons. Our children have been through many changes over the past year and some may have experienced the loss of a loved one. We are offering a very successful programme called Seasons for Growth to our P1-P3 pupils. This programme is a chance for children to learn with a small group of children who have experienced similar issues. The programme will help children to learn new skills to cope with change and loss. Please contact Mrs Lorenzetti if you would like more information.



School Calendar

We are delighted that Covid restrictions have lifted sufficiently that we can invite our parents/carers back into our school building. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a calendar of events. Dates may be subject to change but we will try to keep these to a minimum and give you as much notice as possible.

More details of the reporting to parents events are:

Reporting to Parents Event

21st September: Meet the Teacher
4th November: Learner Profiles to be uploaded
9th November: Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
16th November: Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.30pm
3rd March: Learner Profiles to be uploaded
15th March: Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
22nd March: Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.30pm
2nd June: Reports due. 23rd June: reports out

Everyone is more than welcome to come and celebrate Mass with our school community on the dates shown in the calendar. We still have to finalise a date for our P6 Enrolment Mass for the Pope Francis Faith Award and for the parents/carers of children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Letters will be issued next week regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion providing you with the time your child will receive the sacrament.

We hope to add further events into the calendar as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary throughout the year.

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome our new Probationer Teacher, Miss Healy. Miss Healy shall be teaching P6.

We also welcome back Mrs Kinnaird our Senior EYO and Mrs Honeyman back to nursery after their maternity leave. We welcome Mrs Anderson, EYO to our Nursery too!

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 our child becomes infected, we would appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible. *All information provided will be strictly confidential.*

10 Year Anniversary

This year marks 10 years since St. Bernadette's Primary and Nursery opened. We would welcome suggestions from Parents/Carers on how you think we should celebrate this. We arranged for a balloon arch this year to welcome our new and current pupils on their 1st day. We hope this year will have a few lovely celebrations. Please email stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk with your ideas



Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting of the new school term will be held on Monday 5 September. The meeting will take place in the school (start time 18:30), although there will also be the option to join the meeting via MS Teams.

Several parents have already indicated a desire to join the Parent Council and it would be great to have some more new faces join us.

As a reminder, meetings are held around every 6 weeks and tend to last around 60 mins - as you can see, not a huge time commitment.

Our current Treasurer is also looking to step down so it would be great if someone would be prepared to take on this role. Again, this is not an overly onerous commitment - over the course of the year, it averages out at around 1-2 hours per month.

Please reach out to Peter Butterly (Chair of the Parent Council) at the undernoted email address if you'd like more information on this.

stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com.

P7 Residential Trip

We have provisionally booked our residential for the P7 pupils to Dalguise Adventure Centre in Perthshire. In previous years our P7's had a very positive experience at their residential trip. Lots more information can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/promotional-videos/primary-schools-videos>

The week the children shall visit shall be w/b 27th March 2023. There will be two members of staff who will accompany the children. Dalguise Adventure Centre provide a wide range of activities. All the residential staff are very well qualified and the children will be supervised at all times.

The cost of this trip will be £350.00. (We have capped this price and shall fundraise to meet the cost of the trip). This includes £20 spending money for each child. A deposit of £50.00 will be required by 27th August 2022. Interim deposit of £65 will be due 30th September 2022 Final payment will be due by 30th January 2023. Payments can be made at any time on IpayImpact. If you need any help with IpayImpact, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Should the trip be cancelled due to COVID-19 Guidelines, ALL payments shall be refunded in full.

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

Please indicate by clicking <https://forms.office.com/r/291D3phDPE> to confirm that you wish your child to take part in this excursion. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 150kilos, raising £60 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. There are bags available in the main reception. We Collect:

- All Clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels



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/TPI/FAQ>
Should you have any questions on the above, please contact the school office.

ST. BERNADETTE'S NEEDS YOU



St. Bernadette's fundraising group needs new members to be involved with the fantastic events held each year at the school.

As kids move on so do parents and without more parents support the below events will eventually come to an end!

- Kids Disco – Halloween/Easter/Summer
- Family BBQ
- Summer Fayre
- Annual Quiz Night
- Race Night and many more.....

Year on year school budgets have been tightened and without the funds raised from the above events St. Bernadette's would not have been able to provide the below for your children.



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| • Sumdog | • Classroom Smartboards | • Wellsfield & Almond Valley Family Pass |
| • Busy Things | • Outdoor toys | • Astro Turf In Nursery |
| • Picnic Benches & Woody | • Running Bibs | • Climbing Wall |
| | • 20 iPads & Apple TV's | |
- Plus much more.....

200 Club

As anyone who has won money from the 200 club will testify, it's a great feeling when 'your number comes up'. If you or anyone in your family would like to join (cost £3 per month per number), then please drop an email to stbernadettes200club@gmail.com and someone will be in touch.

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/Nutella sandwiches.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts/nuts. Peanuts/nuts 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/nut 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/P1Bernadettes>

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

P3 <https://twitter.com/P3StBs>

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

P5 https://twitter.com/Mrs_Podmore https://twitter.com/MrsBrown_STBPS

P6 <https://twitter.com/MissMHealy1>

P7 <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsgallacherSTB>



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

Nursery Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StBernNursery>

St. Bernadette's Parent Council: <https://twitter.com/StBernadettesPC>

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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."

Events Calendar

2022/23

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Term	Wk	Notes
Aug 2022	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		31	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		32	Holiday
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		33	Staff Development Day
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		34	Reporting to Parents Event
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		35	Celebration / Event
Sep	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		36	8 th September: Tempest photography
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		37	24 th November: Laudato Si Cluster Conference
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		38	14 th December: Christmas concert
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2		39	15 th December: Christmas lunch
Oct	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		40	16 th December: P1/2 party am; P6 party pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		41	19 th December: ELC party am; P3/4 party pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		42	21 st December: P5 party am; P7 party pm
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		43	9 th December: Nursery Nativity
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		44	27 th March: P7 residential
Nov	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		45	30 th May: Sports Day (option 1); 6 th June (option 2)
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		46	14 th June: Whole school trip
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		47	16 th June: ELC sports day
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4		48	21 st June: Summer concert
Dec	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		49	26 th June: ELC Moving On Celebration
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		50	28 th June: P7 Leavers Assembly (9.30am); Mass (1.30pm)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		51	Class Assembly; followed by child-led learning (1.15pm)
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1		52	5 th October: Primary 4
Jan 2023	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2 nd November: Primary 5
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		2	25 th January: Primary 7
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		3	1 st March: Primary 3
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		4	8 th March: Primary 2
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5		5	26 th April: Primary 6
Feb	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		6	24 th May: Primary 1
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		7	ELC / P1 Transition
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		8	29 th May: 10.45am – 12.30pm parents / lunch
Mar	27	28	1	2	3	4	5		9	5 th and 19 th June: 9.15am – 10.00am children only
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		10	13 th June: 3.30pm – 4.30pm outdoors with parents
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		11	Religious Celebration
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		12	2 nd September: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
Apr	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		13	30 th October: 10.30am Family Mass, at Church
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		14	1 st November: 1.30pm All Saints Day Mass, led by P4,
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		15	Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Communion
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		16	6 th November: 10.30am Enrolment Mass at Church for P4
May	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		17	18 th November: 1.30pm Mass, led by P5
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		18	8 th December: 1.30pm Mass, led by P7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		19	20 th January: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		20	9 th February: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P5
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		21	22 nd February: 1.30pm Ash Wednesday Service, led by P4
Jun	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		22	18 th March: 11am and 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		23	24 th March: 1.30pm Mass, led by p7
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		24	Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Confirmation
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		25	21 st April: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
Jul	26	27	28	29	30	1	2		26	18 th May: 1.30pm Solemnity of Ascension Mass, led by P5
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		27	27 th May: 11am Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Francis Xaviers
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		28	10 th June: 10.30am and 2pm Sacrament of Communion
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		29	28 th June: 1.30pm Leavers Mass, led by P7
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		30	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		31	