



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter



September 2022

Emergency Contacts/ Medical Information/Email addresses

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. Please also ensure email addresses are up-to-date as we email all letters/newsletters. Anyone wishing a paper copy should 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.



Having a clear out?

If you are having a clear out of any items, please remember we gladly accept donations of most things!

We would love to improve our Uniform Swap Shop if anyone is clearing out any kind of unit we would really appreciate any donation!

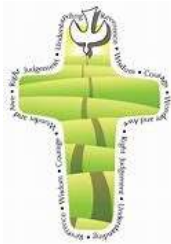


P4 Class Assembly and Open Afternoon

P4 have their Class Assembly on 5th October at 1.15pm followed by an open afternoon in the classroom. P4 parents/carers welcome.

PFFA Enrolment

Huge congratulations to our PFFA candidates who were enrolled on Friday 16th September. May God bless them as they begin their journey!



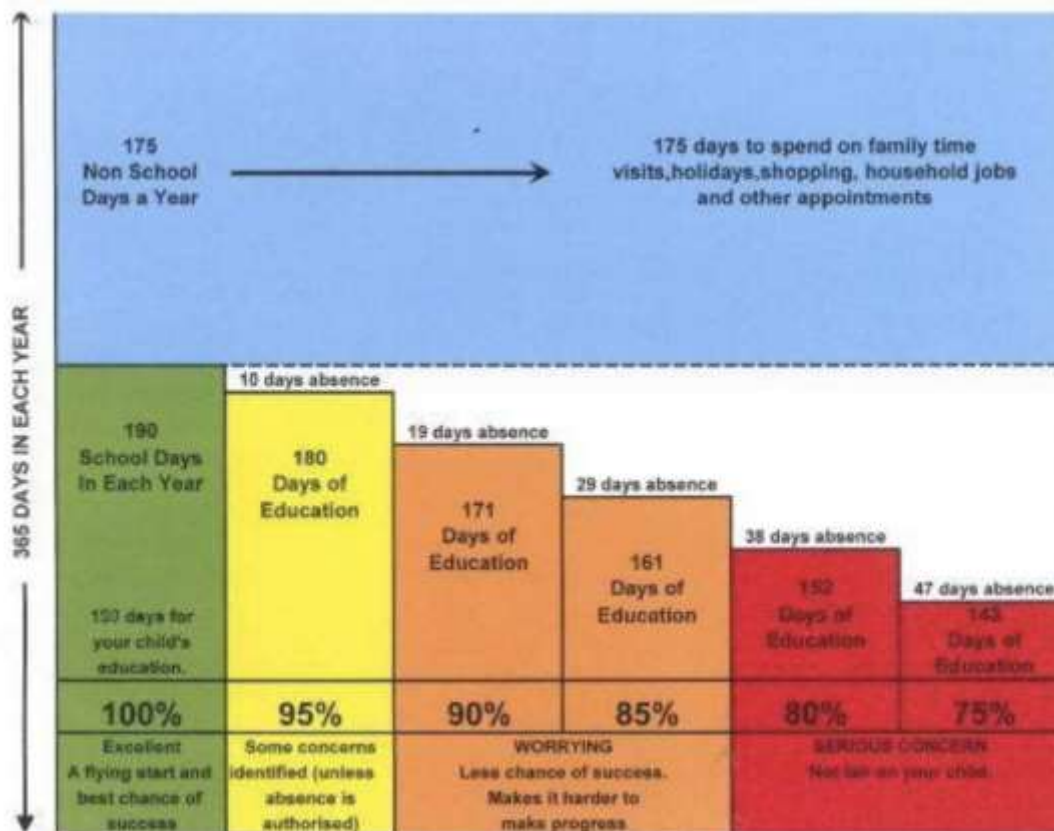
Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald is delighted to once again be producing a special Primary One souvenir edition on 27th October 2022, marking your son or daughter's all-important first steps into primary school. The special supplement will feature full colour pictures of P1 classes from schools across the area. Falkirk Herald are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to purchase copies of the newspaper at a discounted price. To order please call Falkirk Herald customer services team on 0330 403 3004 or via their events partner website www.falkirkherald.eventbrite.co.uk at a reduced cost of £1 per copy (normal price £1.30) no later than 19th October 2022. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite. These copies will be delivered directly to the school on the day of publication for your child to bring home. Website orders can be placed until 11pm on 19th October 2022.

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. **Please do not message the class teacher with absence/appointments messages.** If your child is absent from school and no email 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.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons



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 Oval 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



Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 150kilos, raising £36.80 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



Family Mass

There is a family mass at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette's Church on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am. All very welcome.

PFFA
coffee
morning is
back.

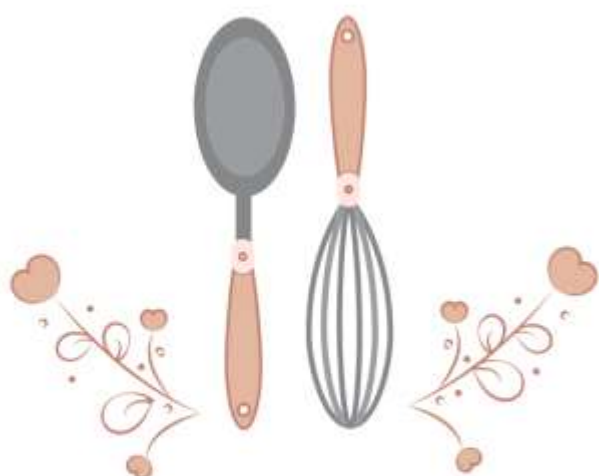


10:30am in
the school
community
room.

It will be starting
on Friday the
23rd
September.

Open to
everyone.

Donations of
home baking
would be
greatly
appreciated.



Book Swap Trading Post

BOOKS FOR ALL

At St Bernadette's Primary School we want to ensure that **all of our children and families have access to books** that they will enjoy reading in school and at home. As part of achieving this aim, our Library Leaders will run our

Book Swap Trading Post in the Library

every Monday and Friday

from 12.30-12.45pm

Bring a book from home that you no longer need. Bring it along to the Trading Post on a Monday or Friday. Donate your book then choose a new book with the Book Swap sticker on it. Once you are finished reading that book you can visit the Trading Post again!



Meet the Teacher – Feedback

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came along to our Meet the Teacher event. It was so lovely to welcome everyone back into our school again. For some families it was their 1st visit! We always welcome your feedback. Please click on the link below and provide us with feedback on the event and any suggestions for how we can keep improving. Thank you ☺

<https://forms.office.com/r/8MUxDBBJY>

P7 Residential Trip

Thank you to all parents that have now paid the £50 deposit required for P7 Residential Trip to Dalguise. Please note the Interim deposit of £65 will be due 30th September 2022. Final payment of £235 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.

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 22nd September. They made it thru to the final but lost 1-0 to Kinnaird Primary. We won the 'Fair Play' award. Mr Taylor's match report states that all players played really well and should be very proud of themselves!



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.



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.



News from our Parent Council

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 draw -

£100 - 22 Joanne Harley
£50 - 209 Ann Duncan
£50 - 29 Allan Walker
£25 - 142 Maria Lynch
£25 - 161 Martin Kennedy

August draw -

£100 - 80 Rachel O'Reilly
£50 - 220 Amy Tarrant
£50 - 25 Jacqui Butterly
£25 - 202 Vicki Pearson
£25 - 228 Phil Trevis



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.

Parent Council AGM

At the Parent Council (PC) AGM held on Monday 5 September, Peter Butterly was re-elected as the Chair for the 2022/3 school term, with Louise O'Rourke re-elected as Deputy Chair. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be circulated in due course.

It was great to see a couple of new faces at the AGM and a reminder that the PC (and its fundraising group) is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, then drop a note the undernoted email address, or catch Peter or Louise at school (they are there most days).

stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com

Dates of future meetings:

- Tuesday 8 November
- Monday 12 December
- Tuesday 24 January
- Monday 6 March
- Tuesday 25 April
- Monday 5 June

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>

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
	27	28	1	2	3	4	5		9	5 th and 19 th June: 9.15am – 10.00am children only
Mar	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
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		13	30 th October: 10.30am Family Mass, at Church
Apr	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
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		17	18 th November: 1.30pm Mass, led by P5
May	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
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		22	18 th March: 11am and 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Jun	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
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2		26	18 th May: 1.30pm Solemnity of Ascension Mass, led by P5
Jul	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	