



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

February 2023



School Bus

Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child at all times whilst travelling on the School Bus. Can we remind parents that they should **NOT** be travelling on the School Bus. More information can be found [here](#).



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.

Car Parking

At St. Bernadette's we are very fortunate to have such a large car park. We repeatedly ask that parents/carers/families/friends of children that are being dropped off at school and nursery park responsibly. We still receive numerous complaints about inconsiderate parking. Please only use the disabled bays if you have a blue badge. Please **DO NOT** use the bus stop to park. We have witnessed parents parking on double yellow lines outwith the school car park. If you are parking in the top car park please enter via the main car park and **NOT** by bumping over kerbs.

The Staff car park is for staff, deliveries and dropping off at First4Kids or after school clubs, it **SHOULD NOT** be used to drop off children in the morning or to collect them at the end of the day.

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.

Winter Health Information and Advice from NHS Forth Valley

The latest winter health information and advice is available at www.nhsforthvalley.com/winter. It includes details of local pharmacy opening times across Forth Valley, information on the Minor Injuries Unit at Stirling Community Hospital and details of the ALFY advice line for older people. You can also find out more about the Pharmacy First scheme which provides free treatment for many common conditions without the need for a prescription (including urine infections, skin problems and conjunctivitis). You can follow them on Twitter @NHSForthValley or like them on Facebook www.facebook.com/nhsforthvalley to keep up-to-date with all the latest news from NHS Forth Valley.

Outdoor Learning and Play

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



P7 Swimming

Please remember our P7 are going to swimming lessons on 07/03/23, 14/03/23 and 21/03/23. Please ensure your child has swimming costume and towel.

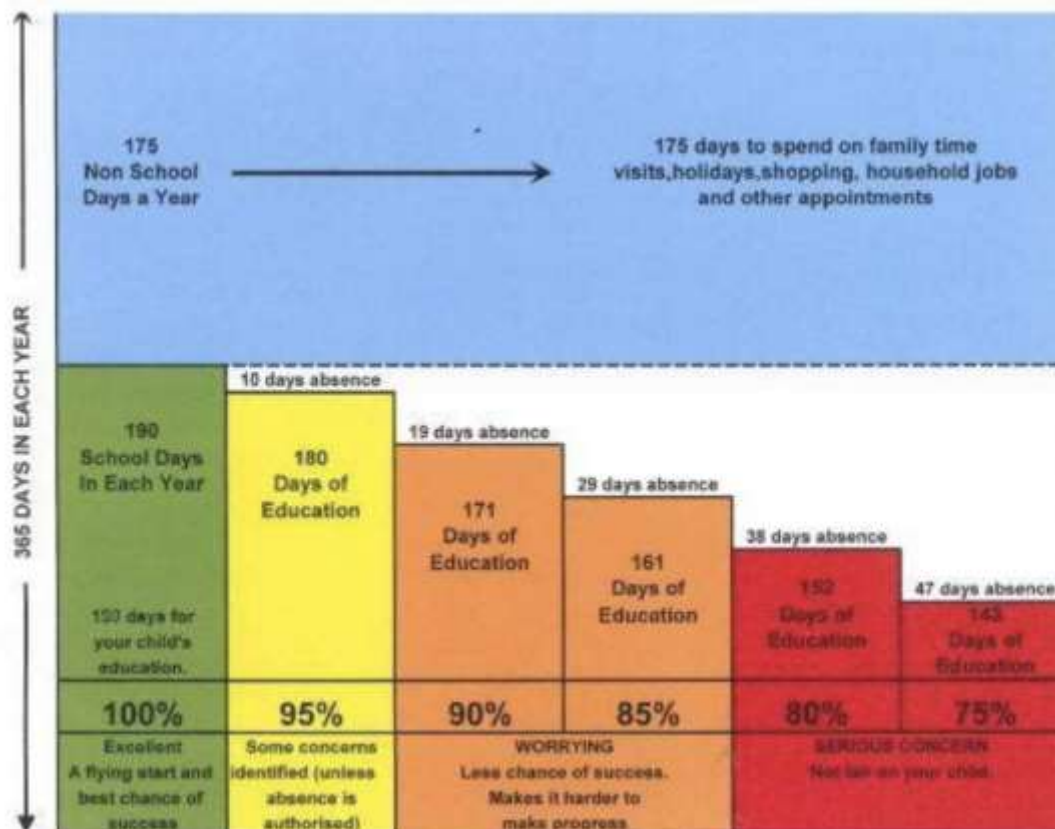
Cakes and Sweet Treats

Can we please remind parents/carers that unfortunately, we cannot allow cakes or sweet treats to be brought in to be shared in class. We understand that this is usually a kind thing to do to celebrate your child's birthday but we have children and staff with several food allergies. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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



We shall be issuing Attendance Information letters termly to all pupils. This is for your information only. We would like to thank parents/carers for following the appropriate guidelines when their child is absent due to illness.

Medication in school

A few parents have advised that they are unsure of the process if their child requires to take medication during the school day, this includes nurofen and calpol.

As part of Falkirk Council policies there is a medical form MED1 which needs to be completed by a parent/carer giving details of the medication to be taken, the dosage and time to be administered.

We have attached a link to the Falkirk Council webpage with information about supervised medication in school together with the link to the Med1 form, there is also a link to a Med4 form however this is relevant to high schools only.

You would be able to ask at the school office for a Med1 form if you require your child to have medication administered during the school day.

If you want to complete the online form and then email to the school (stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) we can then print this out and ask you to sign the form when handing in the medication.

Please click here for the link: [School life - Supervised medication in school | Falkirk Council](#)

Parent Consultation online booking

We shall be using the Parent's online booking system for our Parent Consultation evenings being held on **Wednesday 15th March 2023 between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and Wednesday 22nd March 2023 between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.**

The system will be live from **6th March at 8am** and will be open to take your bookings until **14th March at 3.30pm.**

Look out for an email being sent out more details on how to book and Troubleshooting tips!



Masses held within School

Can we please remind parents/carers that on the days that there is Mass held in school, parents/carers are very welcome to attend. The dates are all marked on the calendar at the end of this newsletter. Handy for the fridge! 😊

Pre-Loved Uniform

Please feel free to browse the pre-loved uniform at the main reception anytime during school hours. Should you wish to make a small donation, there is a box on the table. All monies received shall go to Mary's Meals.

We are always looking for donations of pre-loved uniform. Could we please ask that name labels be removed before donating.

Thank you.





10 Year Anniversary Celebration Mass

We are delighted to inform you that Archbishop Leo Cushley shall be coming to our school to celebrate our 10 year Anniversary Mass with us on Friday 5th May 2023 at 10am. This mass shall require tickets as numbers will have to be limited. More information shall follow.

School Uniform

BE Uniforms are currently having a clearance sale online, with up to 60% off selected items – including embroidered uniform. Please click [here](#) for school uniform and [here](#) for Nursery uniforms.

Burns Supper

Well done to Mrs Martin, Mrs Gallacher and P7 for organising and presenting the Burns Supper on 2nd February. This was enjoyed by pupils and families.



Basketball

Well Done to Mrs Duncan and the Basketball Team. They won the 1st game 26-17 against Victoria Primary. It then went to extra time, golden ball against a very strong Hallglen team but our team smashed it ending the game with 26-24! Great result team!!



Achievements



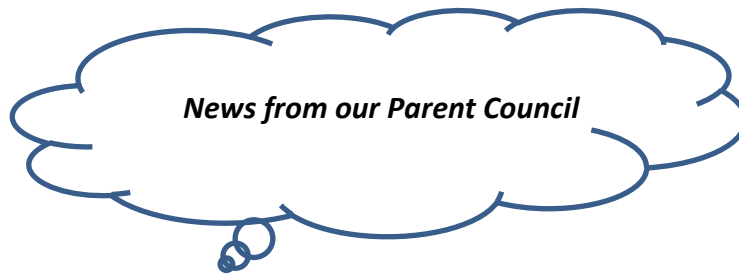
In December, Amelie (P3) did a sponsor hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. She bravely had 11.5 inches cut off her hair, which she donated for a wig to be made and she also raised a whopping £505.00!! Her mum and dad want to thank the support of all their generous friends and family. Well done Amelie!

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school, e.g. Dancing, Tae Kwon Do? We would love to hear so we can share the good news on our Newsletter. Please email the school stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk to let us know!

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 119kg, raising £47.60 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





Parent Council Meetings

The first Parent Council (PC) of the New Year was held on 31 January and the minutes of this will be circulated once they are formally approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 March - it would be great to see some new faces at this. The PC relies on a regular flow of new attendees to cover the natural turnover that occurs as children leave the school. It's not an onerous commitment - there are usually 7-8 meetings a year, with each meeting normally lasting no more than 90 mins.

If you would like to understand more about what is involved, please send an email to the PC mailbox - stbernadetteparentcouncil@gmail.com - or speak to Peter Butterly (Chair) or Louise O'Rourke (Deputy Chair) - they tend to be at the school most days!

PC fundraising

It was great to see some children attend the recent Valentine's disco - thank you to all the volunteers who supported the running of both events.

Race Night

There is a family race night held within the school on Friday 10th March. Entry at the door is £2.50 per adult with children going free. Doors open at 6.30pm with the 1st race beginning sharp at 7pm. This event is a BYOB and you are welcome to bring your own snacks as well. The evening should finish at 9/9.30pm. Letters have been issued with all the details on how to buy horses and/or jockeys. Please contact the school office if you have not received this. This has proved a very popular evening when it was previously held and we're sure it will be the same this time round. Thank you to everyone who has already indicated they will be attending and/or have sponsored races / jockeys - there's still time to return the form covering this event (which was recirculated on 16 February).

200 Club Winners

Congratulations to the below winners! The prize winnings can be collected from the school office between 9am and 3.30pm any day.

January draw winners are:

£100 - 34 Ghislaine Murphy

£50 - 222 Fiona Tarrant

£50 - 73 Moira Kennedy

£25 - 106 Lesley McAllister

£25 - 108 Louise Wilson

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.



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.

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, Peanut Butter and Nutella 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.



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>

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>

2022/23

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
								Holiday
								Staff Development Day
								Reporting to Parents Event
								Celebration / Event
								Class Assembly; followed by child-led learning (1.15pm)
Jan 2023	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8 th March – Primary 3
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	26 th April – Primary 6
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24 th May – Primary 1
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	TBA – P2
Feb	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	ELC / P1 Transition
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	29 th May: 10.45am – 12.30pm parents / lunch
	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	5 th and 19 th June: 9.15am – 10.00am children only
Mar	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 th June: 3.30pm – 4.30pm outdoors with parents
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Religious Celebration
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	2 nd September: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	30 th October: 10.30am Family Mass, at Church
Apr	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 st November: 1.30pm All Saints Day Mass, led by P4,
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Communion
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	6 th November: 10.30am Enrolment Mass at Church for P4
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	18 th November: 1.30pm Mass, led by P5
May	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 th December: 1.30pm Mass, led by P7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	20 th January: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	9 th February: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P5
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22 nd February: 1.30pm Ash Wednesday Service, led by P4
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	18 th March: 11am and 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Jun	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	24 th March: 1.30pm Mass, led by p7
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Confirmation
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 st April: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	18 th May: 1.30pm Solemnity of Ascension Mass, led by P5
Jul	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	27 th May: 11am Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Francis Xaviers
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10 th June: 10.30am and 2pm Sacrament of Communion
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	28 th June: 1.30pm Leavers Mass, led by P7
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	