



# St Bernadette's Primary School

*Ready Respectful Safe*



Newsletter

June 2023

## **Absences**

If your child is absent from school could you please call the school office to notify us of this and NOT by sending messages to Teachers via See-Saw or Teams. If you do not get a reply, please leave a message on the answering machine. Alternatively, you can report an absence by emailing the school at [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) . Thank you.

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.



## **Last Day of Term**

School will close for the summer holidays at 1.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The school buses will collect the children at 1.30pm on this day. If you intend to take your child home for lunch at 12.15pm, they will be released via their classroom door. Please note that pupils can only be collected at 12.15pm sharp. Any child not collected at this time will remain in school until 1.30pm. Please do not try to collect your child at any time other than 12.15pm or 1.30pm.

School will reopen on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.



## **Farewell to our P7's**

We would like to wish our P7's the best of luck as they venture off to High School. Some pupils shall be going to St. Mungo's High School and Larbert High School. We look forward to hearing about your future successes and wish you all the best!

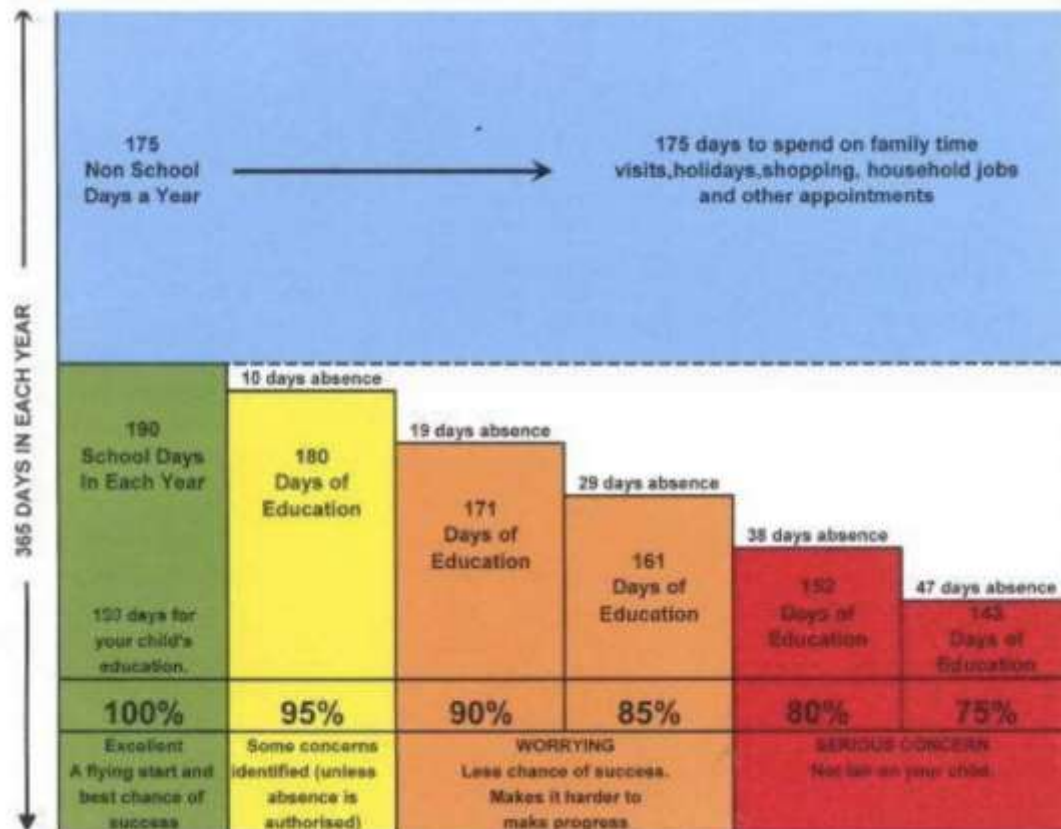
## **Class of 2023**



### 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.

## Sacraments

Warmest Congratulations to the children who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation (P7).



Congratulations to our children who recently received the Sacrament of Holy Communion (P4).





### Under the Trees

Over the year, some of our P6 & P7 pupils attend Under the Trees outdoor learning and we are delighted that they have achieved the Scottish Junior Forestry Award. Below is a post from Under the Trees.

This little group of spectacular children from St Bernadette's RC Primary have completed their Scottish Junior Forestry Award. They have been working hard for weeks, learning to assess the environment for hazards, identify trees and invertebrates, planting trees and making bee boxes. I am super proud of every one of them and have loved all the teamwork, perseverance and humour that they've shown.  
[#CelebrateSuccess](#)



### Thank you!

Thank you to the Parent Council for the lovely badges they gave to all pupils! A lovely little keepsake to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



### Parent Council

On behalf of staff, parents and children we would like to say a **HUGE** Thank You to the Parent Council and the Fundraising Group for everything they have done this year. They are so supportive and their fundraising efforts are amazing.

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

### P7 Ties

Thank you to St. Mungo's High School for kindly providing the ties for our P7's heading to St. Mungo's after the summer.

**THANK YOU**



### **Football**

Huge congratulations to Mr Taylor and the football team. They took part in the Connell Cup on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr Taylor comments; "All 3 teams were amazing. Some narrow defeats saw them knocked out but there were many highlights. The P6 tem & Scarlett recorded an 8-0 win, for a 7 minute games that's quite a performance. The P7 team & Fraser represented St. Bernadette's for the last time. They were amazing and won their final game 2-1. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament this season our team won the Fair Play award – this makes us very proud! "



### **RIC Soundbites Competition**

We were delighted that one of our pupils was chosen as a winner of the Forth One's Radio Station RIC soundbites competition. As prizes for her winning entry Bela (P4) received a £100 voucher and was also invited to Forth One's Radio Station to formally record her soundbites to feature in radio adverts running across Forth Valley and West Lothian. Well done Bela! We are very proud of you!



## NEWS FROM OUR PARENT COUNCIL

The last Parent Council meeting of the school term was held on 5 June - the minutes of this will be circulated once they are agreed.

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for 5 September - this is the AGM at which the 'new' committee for the year will be formalised. The Parent Council relies on the support of the wider parental group - it would be great to see some new faces at the next meeting and a warm welcome will await any parent/guardian who is able to attend.

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone for their very generous support over the last school year - we would especially like to thank our brilliant Fundraising Group for all the work they have done. We are blessed to have such a strong school community - together with fantastic support from the wider Parish community. This has allowed us over the last year to spend around £8,000 supporting the school as follows:

- Paid the annual Bug Club & Sumdog subscriptions
- Purchased replacement Smart Boards for P1 & P4
- Purchased indoor sofas and table furniture for the Nursery
- Supplied the P7 leavers hoodies

### **200 Club Winners**

Congratulations to the below winners!

The June draw winners are:

£100 - 56. Michelle Weston

£50 - 219. Lesley Ann Cooper

£50 - 29. Allan Walker

£25 - 6. Sarah Gallacher

£25 - 90. Michelle Donaghy



Prize money is available to collect from the school office. Thanks again to all the members for continuing to support the 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](mailto:stbernadettes200club@gmail.com) and someone will be in touch.



### **Start of New Term – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning pupils on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Can we please ask that all pupils wear school uniform for the first week. The children will be informed of their P.E. days in the first week. On P.E. days all children should come to school dressed in school uniform and change into their P.E. kit in school.

### **School Uniform**

Our school uniform is available from BE Uniforms at 32 Vicar St, Falkirk FK1 1JB or by ordering online at: <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/st-bernadettes-rc-primary-school.html>

Please remember our Uniform Swap Shop is available all year round – there is good quality pre-loved uniform that you can either swap or donate.

Check our website for 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>

*On behalf of all staff at St. Bernadette's Primary School and Nursery, may we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and wish all families a lovely Summer break.*

