



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Ready Respectful Safe



Newsletter

October 2023

## 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.



## Update your contact details

Please let us know about any changes to your:



Email



Telephone number



Address

## 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 few years 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.



## Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultations are being held on 8<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm - 6.00pm, and the 15<sup>th</sup> November between 4.30pm - 7.00pm. We shall be using the Groupcall booking system for parents/carers to make appointments. Further details shall follow by email.

## P7 Residential Trip

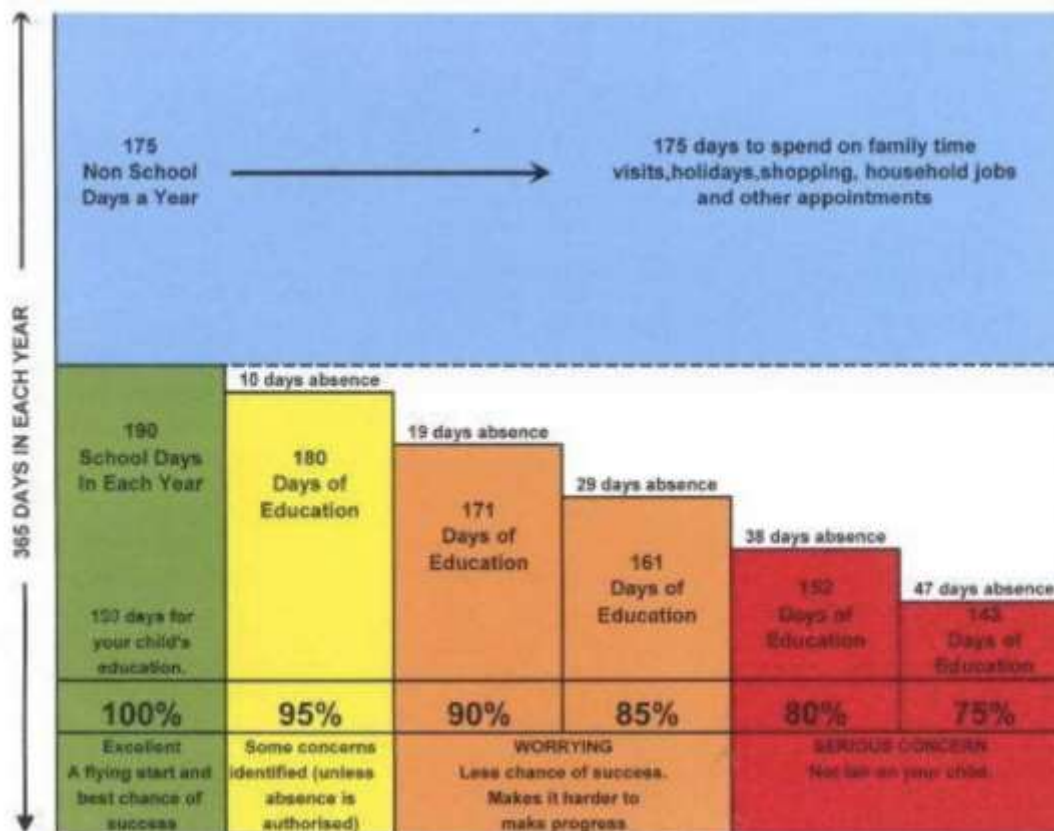
Thank you to all parents that have now paid the £50 deposit required for P7 Residential Trip to Ford Castle. Please note the Interim deposit of £70 is due by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. Final payment of £280 will be due by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Payments can be made at any time on IpayImpact. If you need any help with IpayImpact, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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

## Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

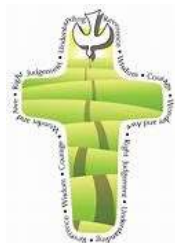
Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. If you wish, you can leave a message on the school's answering machine. **Please do not message the class teacher with absence/appointments messages.** If your child is absent from school and no email or telephone 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



### **PFFA Enrolment**

Huge congratulations to our PFFA candidates who were enrolled on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.  
May God bless them as they begin their journey!



### **PFFA Group**

This year, the PFFA group, Faith in Action group and the Mini Vinnies will be making Christmas food/gift hampers. These will be distributed to elderly and isolated people via the Strathcarron Hospice Outreach Team.

The children would be incredibly grateful for donations of any of the items listed below. These items can be brought into school and given to Mrs Gallacher or Mrs Brown.

Boxes of chocolates
Boxes of biscuits
Flavoured Juices
Mince pies
Christmas Pudding
Crackers
Jams & other preserves
Coffee and Tea
Christmas cake
Bath items
Scented Candles
Toiletry gift sets for men and women

Strathcarron Hospice have been incredibly grateful for our support. It was a fantastic project that allowed the children to see the impact of all their hard work. Hopefully this year's project will be as successful. The final date for donations will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Gallacher & Mrs Brown

### **Achievements**

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school, e.g. Dancing, Football, Tae Kwon Do? We would love to hear about it so we can share the good news in our next Newsletter! Please email the school at [stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) and let us know all about it!

### Mass

All Saints Day Mass is being held in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 1.30pm. This Mass is being led by P7. All are very welcome.

There will be a short meeting following Mass, lasting ½ hour, for the P4 parents to discuss the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This should start approx. 2.15pm.

Just a reminder that the Rite of Enrollment Mass is being held at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette's Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### The Scottish Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal. P7 pupils shall be visiting classes with Poppies and Donation cans starting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Suggested donation is a minimum of 20p. There are also poppies at the main reception.



### BBC Children in Need



Children in Need 2022 is on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This year for Children in Need we will be having a dress down day with a suggested donation of a maximum £1. The theme is 'Be SPOTacular' so feel free to wear spotty clothes or make a spotty accessory.

Please do not buy anything new.

### Halloween Outfit Swap Shop

Thank you to everyone that donated outfits to our Halloween Swap Shop. There are still plenty of outfits left. Please pop in to the main reception during school hours to browse.





### Halloween Class Activities

Each class shall be having Halloween activities on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Children are welcome to come to school in Halloween outfits. Can we please ask that there is no scary face painting/masks or accessories (e.g. weapons, trident etc.)

### My Child's Art

Thank you to those who have already ordered their child's art gifts. This raises funds for our school to help with Christmas parties, activities, etc. Please see below details on how you can still order ☺



Working with  
**St Bernadette's Primary School**

www.mychildsart.co.uk

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

**VIEW NOW**

by logging into the parent order portal at  
[www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

Order portals open NOW until the 31st December

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **StBernadettes** during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Username: **StBernadettes**

Access Code: **1cZb9E1Y**

QR code



**NEW & Improved Website Has launched!**

Order unique personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas **designed by YOUR child**

Over 20 exciting products to choose from!

Prices start from just **£2.69** +P&P

20% of all product sales goes directly to your child's school or group.

01530 887650 | [customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk)  
[www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

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### Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 143kilos, raising £57.20 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



## 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.



# REDUCED PRICE ORDERING WINDOWS

## BE UNIFORMS RESPONDS TO COST OF LIVING CRISIS

With paying for school uniform being a struggle for a lot of parents, BE have been looking at options to help with the affordability. From October 2023 we will be launching Reduced Price Ordering Windows allowing parents the option to purchase their uniforms online with a 20% discount. Orders will be batched and delivered within 28 days of the window closure. There will be 3 windows in operation from the 1st October to 19th May.

We would encourage schools and parents alike to publicise the dates below as much as possible and advise all parents to order within these windows to benefit from the reduced pricing.

## REDUCED PRICE ORDERING WINDOW DATES

### AUTUMN

Opens Sunday 1st October  
Closes Sunday 15th October

### WINTER

Opens Friday 15th December  
Closes Sunday 7th January

### SPRING

Open Monday 22nd April  
Closes Sunday 19th May

**ALL ORDERS DELIVERED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF WINDOW CLOSURE**





### *News from our Parent Council*

#### **200 Club Winners**

September draw winners are:

£100 - 214- Esther Trevis  
£50 - 157- Margaret Ferguson  
£50 - 81- Lisa McEleney  
£25 - 230- Eilidh McCann  
£25 - 84- Kerry Noterangelo



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

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](mailto:stbernadettes200club@gmail.com). We would love to have more people join up to help support the school.

#### **St. Bernadette's Parent Council**



**Autumn Disco**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**£2.50 entry free which includes juice and treats**

**P1 - P3: 6-7pm**

**P4 - P7 : 7.15 - 8.30pm**



#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 7th November at 6.30pm.

### **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.

### **No Smoking/Vaping**

Can we please gently remind parents/carers that there is a strictly no smoking/vaping permitted within the school grounds, including the car park area. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### **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>  
P1/2 <https://twitter.com/MrsEdwardsStBs> (2) P2 St Bernadette's (@P2StBernadettes)  
P2/3 <https://twitter.com/misshigneySTB>  
P4 <https://twitter.com/mrsgallacherSTB> <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>  
P5 [https://twitter.com/Mrs\\_Podmore](https://twitter.com/Mrs_Podmore) [https://twitter.com/MrsBrown\\_STBPS](https://twitter.com/MrsBrown_STBPS)  
P6 <https://twitter.com/Primary6StBs>  
P7 <https://twitter.com/MissMHealy1> <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin>

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 2023/24



Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Holiday
Aug 2023	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Staff Development Day
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Reporting to Parents Events
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	13 <sup>th</sup> September: Meet the Teacher, 5pm – 6pm
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	3 <sup>rd</sup> November: Learner Profiles shared
Sep	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8 <sup>th</sup> November: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15 <sup>th</sup> November: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	13 <sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	20 <sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	24 <sup>th</sup> May: : Learner Profiles shared
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	21 <sup>st</sup> June: Reports out
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Religious Observance (tbc)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1.30pm Mass in St. Bernadette's Primary
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	25/8: led by P7; 29/9 PFFA: led by P6; 1/11: All Saints Day, led by P7;
Nov	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15/12: led by P4; 26/1: led by P7; 14/2: Ash Wednesday Service, led by P6
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1/3: led by P5; 22/3: led by P4; 26/4: led by P7; 23/11: led by P5
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	9/5: Feast of Ascension, led by P6; 26/6: led by P7
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	
Dec	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November: 10.30am St. Bernadette's Parish Church,
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	P4 enrolment Mass
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March: 11am and 2pm St. Bernadette's Parish Church
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Jan 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April: 11am St. Francis Xavier Parish Church
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	P7 Sacrament of Confirmation
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June: 10.30am and 2pm St. Bernadette's Parish Church
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	P4 Sacrament of Communion
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
Feb	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Class Assembly, followed by child-led learning, 1.30pm
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	27 <sup>th</sup> September: P4 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	29 <sup>th</sup> November: P7 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	24 <sup>th</sup> January: P2/3 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
Mar	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7 <sup>th</sup> February : P5 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	28 <sup>th</sup> February: P1/2 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24 <sup>th</sup> April: P6 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22 <sup>nd</sup> May: P1 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
Apr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Celebration Event
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11 <sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert; 14 <sup>th</sup> December: ELC sing along (pm)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14 <sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 <sup>th</sup> December: ELC party am; P6 party pm
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	19 <sup>th</sup> December: P1 party; P7 party pm
May	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	20 <sup>th</sup> December: P2/3 party am; P5 party pm
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 <sup>st</sup> December: P1/2 party am; P4 party pm
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18 <sup>th</sup> March: P7 Residential
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	31 <sup>st</sup> May: Sports Day (option 1); 7 <sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (Option 2)
Jun	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5 <sup>th</sup> June: School Show, 1.30pm and 6pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12 <sup>th</sup> June: Whole school trip
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14 <sup>th</sup> June: ELC Sports Day
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24 <sup>th</sup> June:: ELC Moving On Celebration
Jul	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	26 <sup>th</sup> June: P7 Leavers Assembly, 9.30am; Mass, 1.30pm
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	ELC / P1 Transition
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	27 <sup>th</sup> May: 10.45am – 12.30pm, with parent and lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am – 10am, children only
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	11 <sup>th</sup> June: outdoors 3.30pm – 4.30pm, with parents