



St Bernadette's Primary School

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Newsletter

September 2023

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.

Having a clear out?

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

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!



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.



P7 Residential Trip

Deposits are now **overdue**. Can we please ask that parents pay this on IpayImpact as soon as possible. If we do not pay these deposits we may lose our place.

The week the children shall visit shall be w/b 18th March 2024. There will be two members of staff who will accompany the children. PGL provide a wide range of activities. All the residential staff are very well qualified and the children will be supervised at all times.

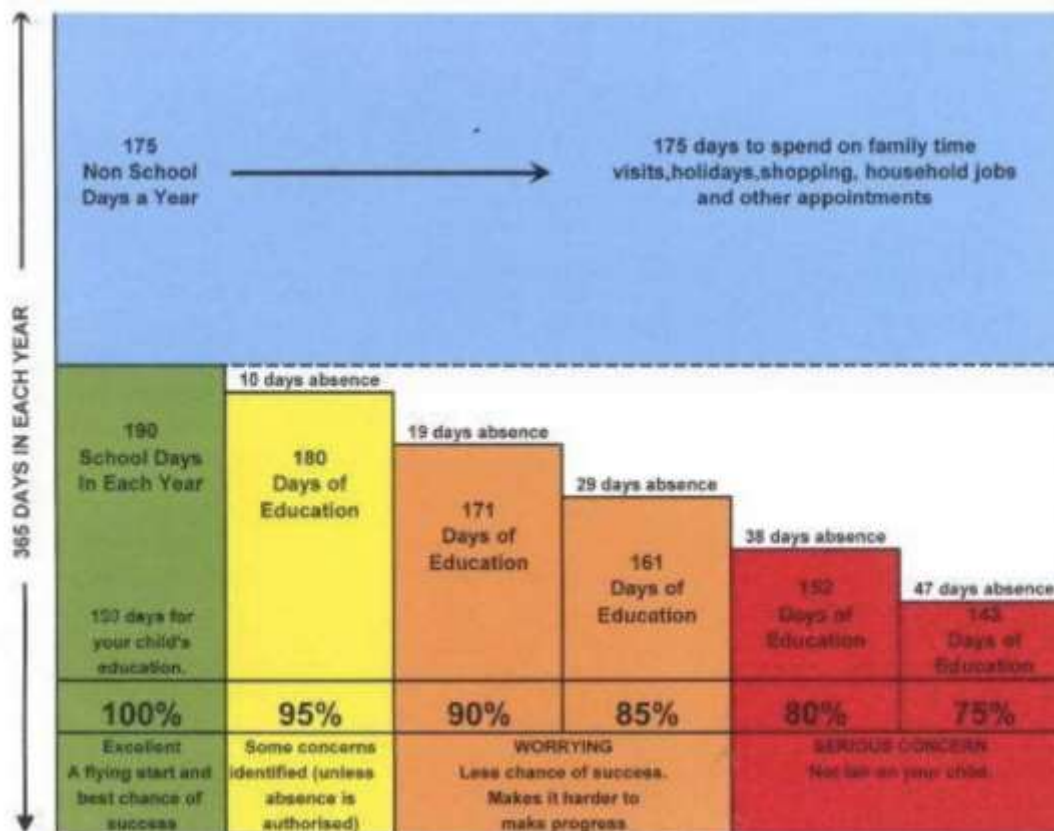
The cost of this trip will be £400.00. This includes £20 spending money for each child and transport costs. A deposit of £50.00 was required by 26th May 2023. Interim deposit of £70.00 will be due by September 2023. Final payment will be due by 22nd January 2024. Payments can be made at any time on IpayImpact. If you need any help with IpayImpact, please do not hesitate to contact the office. 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.

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



Blue Peter presenter visits St. Bernadette's!

We were delighted to welcome back one of our former pupils, Abby Cook. Abby is now a Blue Peter presenter. She visited with the BBC as we had the very exciting opportunity to be involved in the BBC Microbit campaign. Please click [here](#) to watch a clip from BBC Teach. Watch a preview [here](#).



BBC Saturday Mash-up

Some of our pupils went along to the filming of Saturday morning Mash-up on 16th September. This was a great experience for our pupils



House Captains

Well done to our House Captains and Vice Captains. They were selected by a voting system in school.

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Achievements

Well done to Benjamin and Harley. They took part in the Forth Valley League races - 3 dates over the summer, with Falkirk winning each category (track, field & relay & overall). Benjamin came 1st and Harley 2nd at the open gradings 1500m. Next year they will be in Division 1. Benjamin has taken part in different events, shot put, sprints, distance & relay. Well done boys for this fantastic achievement – we are very proud of you!



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
and let us know all about it!

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.



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



Place2Be

There is an invaluable **free** resource from children's mental health charity, Place2Be, that promises to make a positive impact for your pupils and families.

Introducing [Place2Be's Parenting Smart website](#) – a one-stop hub for empowering parents with expert insights, actionable advice, and illustrative videos. It's the compass they need to navigate the intricate world of parenting and compiled in an extremely accessible format.

Benefits of the Parenting Smart website:

- ★ Boost Confidence: 74% of users reported enhanced parenting confidence.
- ★ Ease Anxiety: 76% feel less anxious about doing the right thing as a parent.
- ★ Strong Recommendations: 92% would recommend the website.

We hope you find this resource to be useful.



UNIFORMS

www.beuniforms.co.uk

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



PLAN AHEAD & SAVE MONEY!

Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald is delighted to once again be producing a special Primary One souvenir edition on 2nd November 2023, 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 £1.30 per copy (normal price £1.60) no later than 25th October 2023. 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.

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.

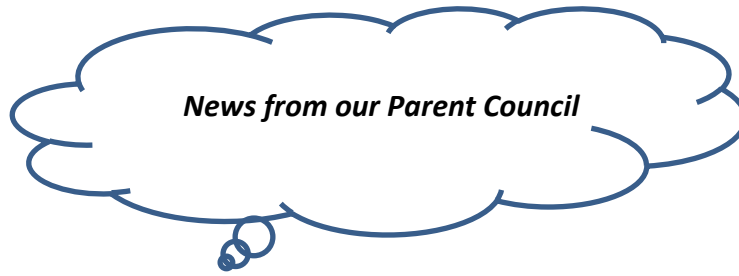
Head Lice

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.





Parent Council AGM

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Parent Council AGM. Charlotte Larkin was elected as Chair, Joanne Harley was elected as Vice Chair, Nick Masterson was elected as Secretary and Louise O'Rourke was elected as Treasurer. Rachel O'Reilly and Ashley Cooper were elected as Fundraising Co-ordinators.

Detailed minutes of the meeting will be circulated in due course

It was great to see 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 this email address: stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com

200 Club Winners

July draw winners are

£100 - 22. Joanne Harley
£50 - 111 Nicky Savoury
£50 - 162. Chantal Redondo
£25 - 61. Ann Marie O'Connor
£25 - 194. Marguerite McLaughlin

August draw winners are

£100 - 76. Roseann Smith
£50 - 205 Michael Canny
£50 - 31 Kay McLaren
£25 - 17 Veronica Cully
£25 - 25 Jacqui Butterly



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. We would love to have more people join up to help support the school.

Date of Next Meeting

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

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/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 th September: Meet the Teacher, 5pm – 6pm
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	3 rd November: Learner Profiles shared
Sep	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8 th November: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15 th November: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	13 th March: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	20 th March: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	24 th May: : Learner Profiles shared
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	21 st 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 st 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 th September: P4 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	29 th November: P7 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	24 th January: P2/3 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
Mar	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7 th February : P5 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	28 th February: P1/2 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24 th April: P6 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22 nd 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	13 th December: Christmas Concert; 14 th December: ELC sing along (pm)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14 th December: Christmas lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 th December: ELC party am; P6 party pm
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	19 th December: P1 party; P7 party pm
May	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	20 th December: P2/3 party am; P5 party pm
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 st December: P1/2 party am; P4 party pm
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18 th March: P7 Residential
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	31 st May: Sports Day (option 1); 7 th June: Sports Day (Option 2)
Jun	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5 th June: School Show, 1.30pm and 6pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12 th June: Whole school trip
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14 th June: ELC Sports Day
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24 th June:: ELC Moving On Celebration
Jul	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	26 th 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 th May: 10.45am – 12.30pm, with parent and lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	3 rd and 17 th June: 9.15am – 10am, children only
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	11 th June: outdoors 3.30pm – 4.30pm, with parents