



St Bernadette's Primary School

Ready Respectful Safe



Newsletter

September 2024

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.

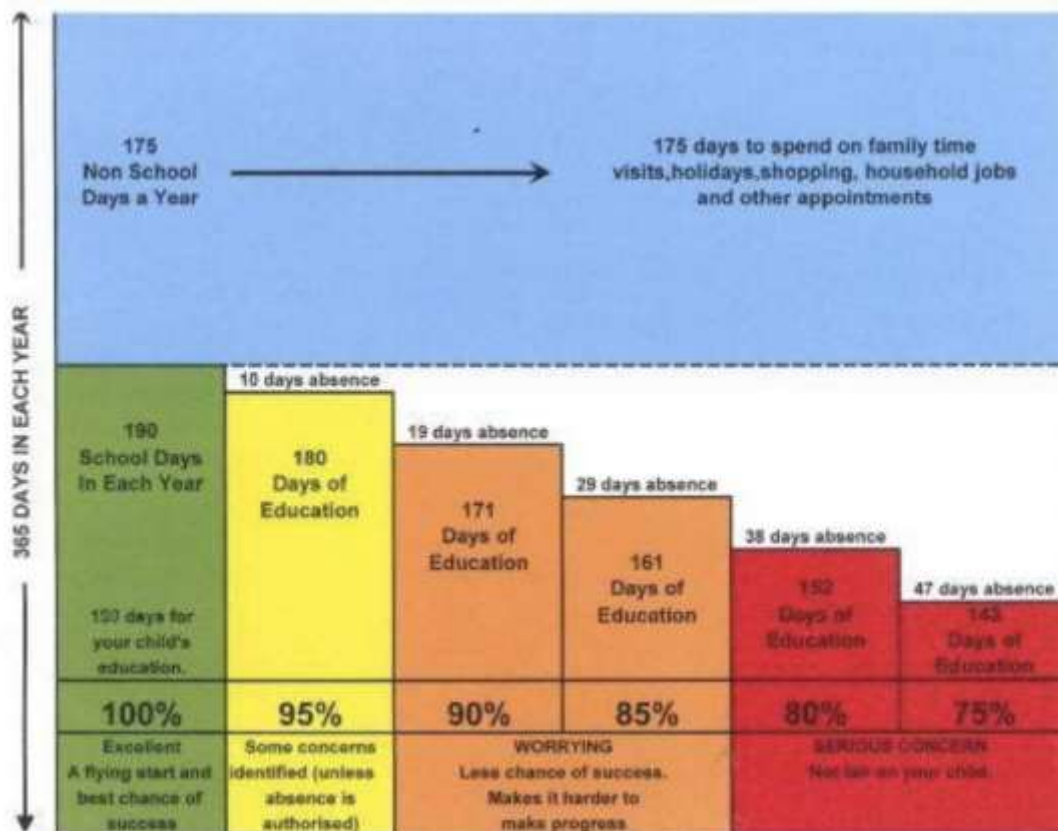
The cost of this trip will be £400.00. This includes £20 spending money for each child and transport costs. A deposit of £50.00 was required by 26th May 2023. Interim deposit of £70.00 will be due by September 2023. Final payment will be due by 22nd January 2024. Payments can be made at any time on IpayImpact.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

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



Staffing News

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Angus who has left St. Bernadette's for pastures new. Mrs Angus has been at St. Bernadette's from the very start and was involved even before the school building appeared! We wish her all the best in her new job!

School Car Park

Can we please remind all parents/carers to be respectful of others when using our School Car Park. The carpark has a one way system in place for the safety of our children. Some cars are continuing to access the top carpark by turning right on entry to the carpark, rather than driving around the main part of the carpark first. This may lead to an avoidable accident. The school cannot be held to account if cars are damaged by drivers accessing the top carpark in the wrong way. Can we please ask that the disabled bays are used only for those who need them.

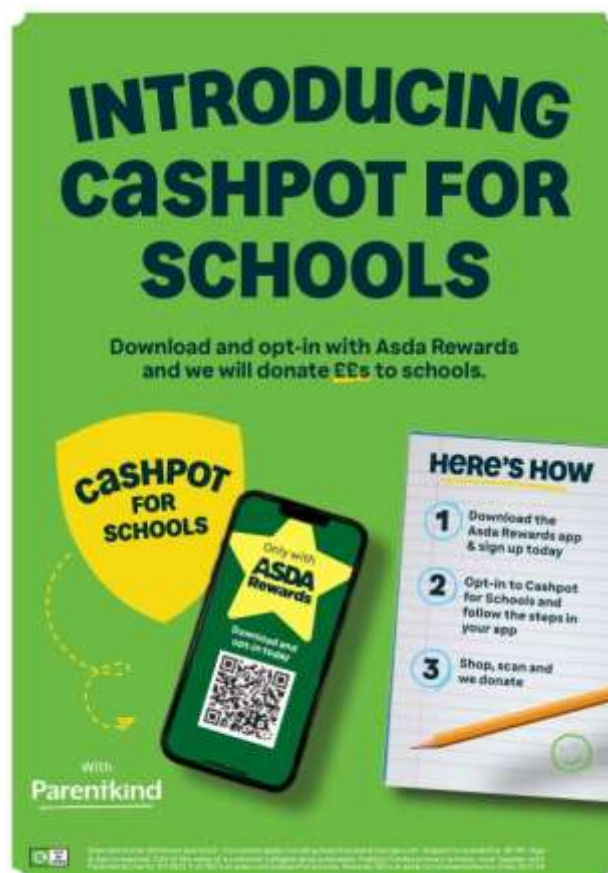
In addition, no parents should be using the staff carpark or bus bay to drop off or collect children.

Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, **between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.**

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Thank you to those who are already using this – we have raised over £200 already!



UNCRC - United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child

Mrs Duncan has been working with different pupils each week to gather their views on our school and listen to their suggestions on how we can make it even better. So far this term we have listened to children's views on -

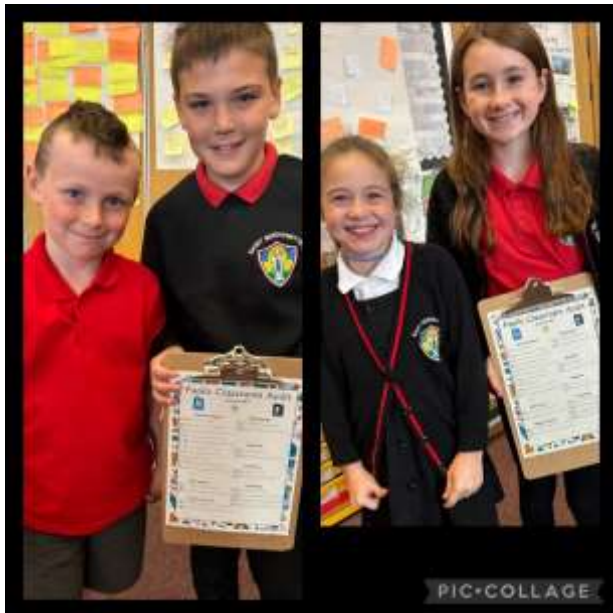
Transition to a new class - how successful has it been for children with additional support needs and for all children within the class?

The classroom environment - children's audit was carried out on the learning environment including resources, lighting, use of space and learning walls.

Each fortnight there will be a new focus and different children will be invited to take part throughout the year.

If you would like more information on Children's Rights please take a look at this website

[UN Convention on Rights of a Child \(UNCRC\) - UNICEF UK](#)



Houses

St Bernadette's will continue into 2024-2025 with 4 houses; Braemar, Dunvegan, Eilean Donan and Lochranza. All children will be assigned a house along with all teaching staff.

After discussion with staff and pupils it has been decided that House Points will be awarded in the form of a House Ticket. Each Friday, P7 House Ambassadors will collect the House Points from each class, collate and count them, giving Mrs Gray the final totals. These weekly and eventually monthly totals will be displayed in the main corridor. The weekly house winner will receive an extra play on a Monday at 10.15, weather permitting, or at a later date in the same week. Monthly winners will choose their prize from 10 envelopes, each one having a different prize inside. This ensures when a house wins more than once, they're not getting the same prize all the time. All children and staff will be given a coloured badge to wear which represents their house; Primary 7 badges will have Ambassador badges, all others are coloured, circular pin badges.

Reasons for awarding a House Point

- Any acts based on the school values; Friendship, Appreciation, Love, Kindness, Co-operation, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect.
- High levels of effort in class.
- Good examples of following school rules.
- Good listening skills.
- Following instructions.
- Extra-curricular achievements.

Achievements

Well done to Adam in P3 who recently got his yellow band in Taekwondo!

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school?
E.g. Dancing, Football, Taekwondo?
We would love to hear about it so we can share the good news in our next Newsletter!

Please email the school at:
stbernadettesprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk
and let us know all about it!





COMING TO ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY!!!

Rookie Rockstars will be bringing their exciting programme to the school on

TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2024

All pupils will be involved in the programme during this week, and will be working towards concert performances on:

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM in the school hall

Rookie Rockstars is an initiative that was created to give children the opportunity to work with professional musicians to learn original songs and perform in a fantastic concert. The programme covers key areas of the Curriculum for Excellence: **Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Moral Education, Literacy, Technologies** and more. Children participate in a unique learning experience which tackles anti-bullying, and aims to promote confidence, self-esteem, and positive friendships.

The programme has run in hundreds of schools across the UK and has had a fantastic response from teachers, parents, and pupils. There are only a limited number of tickets so please order yours from the school as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are £6 and can be purchased through the school from

Monday 28TH October.

(Under 5yrs go free)

The £6 ticket fee enables Rookie Rockstars to deliver this fantastic programme to the school free of charge. If you would like more information, please feel free to visit the website.

www.rookierockstars.org.uk

Rookie Rockstars Merchandise will be sold at the concert.

There will also be a raffle to win an electric guitar!

Raffle Tickets - £1 (card payments acceptable)

Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald is delighted to once again be producing a special Primary One souvenir edition on 7th November 2024, marking your son or daughter's all-important step up to primary school. The special supplement will feature full colour pictures of Primary 1 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. These copies will be delivered to the school on 7th November for your child to bring home.

You can purchase copies via their contact centre on 0330 403 3004 or via the website falkirkherald.eventbrite.co.uk at a reduced cost of £1.45 per copy (normal price £1.80) before 30th October. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite. Our phone lines are open 9.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Website orders can be placed until 11pm on 30th October 2024.

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

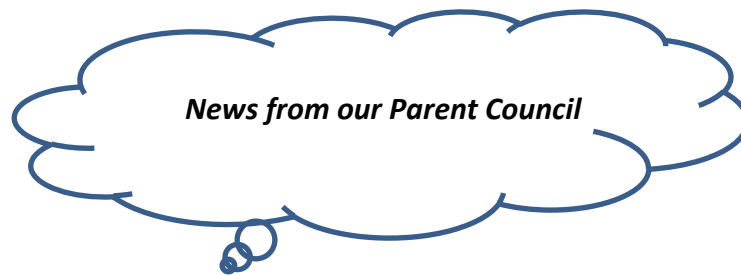
Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 150kilos, raising £60 for school funds. All donations are most welcome, please place the bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed) or pass to your child to hand into the school. There are bags available in the main reception. We Collect:

- All Clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels



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.



News from our Parent Council

The Parent Council meet once every 6 to 8 weeks. It is not a particularly big commitment, but we do need some extra members to help support the work we do. We were delighted to see one new face last week and we hope that this trend can continue.

The Parent Council has been able to support the school by funding the cost of a new hall projector as well as underwriting the cost of the Bug Club subscription amongst other things. Whilst we are fortunate to have very generous families that contribute to the monies the Parent Council use to support the school, we do need members to help organise how we can best support the school, where the funds are spent as well as being a voice for the children and school within the Local Authority.



We are currently without a secretary/minute taker and we are also conscious that 2 of the current members have children in P6 only. We only ask an hour or so of your time every few weeks. New members are certainly needed and would be more than welcome. If you are interested in joining then drop a note to this email address: stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com

200 Club Winners

July draw winners are:

- £100 - 61 Ann Marie O'Connor
- £50 - 75 Roseann Smith
- £50 - 132 John Tully
- £25 - 87 Mary Galbraith
- £25 - 12 Stewart O'Donnell

August draw winners are:

- £100- 216 Ann Duncan
- £50- 79 Siobhan Martin
- £50- 8 Claire Rodger
- £25- 172 Lesley Ann Cooper
- £25- 14 Kathleen McRoberts



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.

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.

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

7 OCTOBER 2024 -
20 OCTOBER 2024

WINTER

16 DECEMBER 2024 -
5 JANUARY 2025

SPRING

7 APRIL 2025 -
18 MAY 2025

ALL ORDERS DELIVERED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF WINDOW CLOSURE



PLAN AHEAD & SAVE MONEY!

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/>

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.

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>

Event Calendar 2024/25

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Term	Wk	Notes
Aug	26	27	28	29	30	31	1		35	Holiday - School Closed
Sep 2024	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		36	In-service Day - School closed to pupils
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		37	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		38	Reporting to Parents
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		39	Wednesday 11.9.24: Meet the Teacher 4.00-5.00pm
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6		40	Wednesday 13.11.24: Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.00pm
Oct	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		41	Wednesday 27.11.24: Parent Consultations 4.30-7.00pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		42	Wednesday 12.3.25: P7 Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		43	Wednesday 26.3.25:P1-6 Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		44	Wednesday 2.4.24: P1-7 Parent Consultations 4.30-7.00pm
Nov	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		45	Friday 20.6.25: End of Year reports issued
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		46	Celebration Event
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		47	Tuesday 10.12.24: Christmas Concert
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1		48	Thursday 12.12.24: Christmas Lunch and jumper day
Dec	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		49	Friday 13.12.24: ELC and P1 party am
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		50	Monday 16.12.24: ELC sing-a-long 1.30pm
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		51	Wednesday 18.12.24: P3 and P3/4 party am / P5 pm
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		52	Thursday 19.12.24: P2 party am / P6 and P7 pm
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5		1	Wednesday 19.3.25: School Show 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Jan 2025	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		2	Week 24.3.25: P7 Residential
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		3	Wednesday 21.5.25: Sports Day option 1 - all day
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		4	Friday 30.5.25: ELC Sports Day 1.30pm
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		5	Wednesday 4.6.25: Sports Day option 2 - all day
Feb	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		6	Monday 23.6.25: ELC Moving on Celebration 1.30pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		7	Wednesday 25.6.25: P7 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		8	Wednesday 25.6.25: P7 Leavers Mass 1.30pm
	24	25	26	27	28	1	2		9	Class Led Assembly - followed by child-led learning
Mar	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	Thursday 10.10.24: P5 class assembly, 1.30pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		11	Thursday 14.11.24: P6 class assembly, 1.30pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		12	Thursday 30.1.25: P7 class assembly, tbc
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		13	Thursday 20.2.25: P3/4 class assembly, 1.30pm
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		14	Thursday 13.3.25: P3 class assembly, 1.30pm
Apr	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		15	Thursday 8.5.25: P2 class assembly, 1.30pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		16	Thursday 5.6.25: P1 class assembly, 1.30pm
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		17	ELC / P1 Transition
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4		18	Thursday 29.5.25: 10.45am - 12.15pm, with lunch
May	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		19	Thursday 5.6.25: 9.15-10.00am, classroom visit
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		20	Wednesday 11.6.25: 3.30-4.30pm, outdoors
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		21	Thursday 19.6.25: 9.15-10.00am, classroom visit
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1		22	Religious Observance
Jun	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		23	Saturday 31.05.25 – Confirmations at St. Francis Xavier – 11am
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		24	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		25	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		26	
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6		27	
Jul	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		28	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		29	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		30	
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		31	
Aug	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		32	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		33	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		34	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		35	