



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all spent a happy and peaceful Easter with your loved ones. This year Easter Sunday coincided with the Feast Day of Our Patron, St Bernadette and Sr. Yvonne led a lovely collective worship on Tuesday for the children, highlighting how Bernadette is a wonderful example to us all of loyalty, prayer, faith and strength of character.

This is my first newsletter to you as Headteacher of St Bernadette's, a role which I embrace as a great privilege, whilst recognising the immense responsibility it brings. During my nine years as a member of the leadership team, I have seen the school grow and develop and have enjoyed the opportunity of working with yourselves as parents and carers, our fabulous staff and of course, your wonderful children.

I would like to thank you for your warm words of congratulations and encouragement which have really contributed to a lovely first week for me in my new role.

As the school moves on into this new phase, I look forward to working closely with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Whilst a more formal invitation will be sent to you in due course, I warmly welcome you to attend my Mass of Induction which will take place at 7:00 pm on 22nd May in the school hall. I would be delighted to see you there.

Please see the Diary Dates section at the end of this newsletter for key events taking place this half term.



NSPCC

As the mother of a son who seems to know much more about social media than I do, I urge you to attend the **NSPCC Online Safety session** for parents and carers on 11th May at 2:00pm (come at 1:45 for refreshments). More and more often, children are unwittingly placing themselves in extremely vulnerable positions online and as parents/carers we must ensure that educate ourselves on how to protect our children. Please do come to this invaluable session and encourage others to join you.

The NSPCC will also be delivering assemblies for the children and workshops for the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils; you should have received information about these yesterday.

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I was lucky enough to join Y3 on Wednesday for part of their sponsored Danceathon. What marvellous dance moves! (Theirs – not mine!)

Thank you for all of the sponsorship which will go to our main charity, the Guide Dogs. I will update you when I know the grand total.

Well done and thank you Year 3!

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to Year 4 Leopard Class.

They have the highest attendance since September at an average of 98.3%



A reminder to parents/carers of our Y4 and Y5 pupils. St Paul's our local Catholic secondary school, are holding tours of the school over the next four Friday mornings 9.30-10.30. They still have a small number of places available. To book a place on a tour, please ring St Paul's school office (01908 669735)

Do take advantage of this opportunity as before you know it you will be making important decisions about where you wish your child to spend their secondary education.

MAY FAIR

Due to the success of the Christmas fair, we will be celebrating the May Fair at a similar time of 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm on Friday 19th May. The Parents' Association will be sending out more information. We do hope that you can join us to make it a special, successful and enjoyable experience for the whole school community.



Please join us for our next Values Mission focussing on Friendship 3:00 – 3:45 in the Small Hall.

Tuesday 25th FS and Y3

Wednesday 26th Y1 and Y4

Thursday 27th Y2, Y5 and Y6



Thank you once again for your amazing generosity. At Easter we were able to send **600** chocolate eggs and bunnies to ill children in hospital via the Henry

Allen Trust. **THANK YOU**



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Diary Dates for Pentecost Term

Friday 21 st April	Class Photos
Tuesday 25 th April-Thursday 27 th April	Friendship Values Mission in the Small Hall after school.
Wednesday 26 th April 5:30	Relationships and Sex Education Parent Consultation- come along and find out how the school intends to teach this area of the curriculum. (Remember to sign up via the School Gateway)
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday- School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd May and each Tuesday during May	Lunchtime Rosary Club 12:30 - 12:45
Wednesday 3 rd May 2:50 in the Small Hall	Leopard Class Collective Worship 2:50 in the Small Hall
Friday 5 th May	Prayer Space Day for Year 6 in the Small Hall
Week beginning 8 th May	Year 6 SATs Week. Monday to Thursday with a special Y6 breakfast club all week. See information sent by Year 6 staff.
Wednesday 10 th May	Turtle Class Collective Worship in the Small Hall 2:30 pm
Thursday 11 th May	NSPCC Online Safety session for parents/carers. 2:00 pm start, 2:45 pm refreshments
Wednesday 17 th May	NSPCC assemblies KS1 9:00 am, KS2 9:30 am, FS 10:10 am
Friday 19 th May	MAY FAIR 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Monday 22 nd May	Mrs Zamora's Headteacher Induction Mass 7:00 pm Main School Hall followed by refreshments.
Tuesday 23 rd May 2 pm	Year 4 Kangaroo and Leopard Pentecost Praise 2pm Main School Hall
Thursday 25 th May 2 pm	Year 4 Panda and Lion: Pentecost Praise 2pm Main School Hall
Monday 29 th May- Monday 5 th June	Half Term- school starts on Tuesday June 6 th

Over half term, please help your child to begin to prepare for the Annual Poetry Cup (FS and KS1) and Speech Cup (KS2) - more information to follow.

Please note that it has been necessary to change the date of the Y4 - Y6 sports day due to a clash of events. I apologise for this, but hope that this is sufficient notice to allow you to make plans to attend if you are able to.

Wednesday 5th July Y4 - Y6 (moved from 7th July) am field events, pm track events

Thursday 6th July FS2 and Y1 9:00 - 10:15, Y2 and Y3 10:30 - 12:00

Monday 17th July FS1 am and pm

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