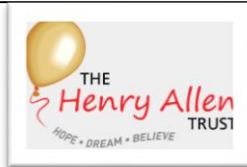


St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Community Matters



Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus



Thank you so much for your kind support for the Henry Allen Trust. Our Rainbow Day was a wonderful way to launch our fundraising efforts and we raised £353. Please see the date section of this newsletter for the fundraising events the children have planned for the remainder of the school year.

One of the stalls at our May Fair on 16th May will also be raising funds for this charity.

The main focus for the Henry Allen Trust is to bring some happiness to children aged 0 -18 who are battling cancer and provide support for their families. The charity provides treats and wishes for the children, for example by taking toys and games into hospital and care packs for the whole family. The charity also supports families by providing special days and experiences or by helping to fund trips and holidays.

Dawn Allen, Henry's Mum met with the Children's Chaplaincy Team before the Easter holiday and her discussion with the children was truly inspirational. The Henry Allen Trust currently supports four hospitals, MK General, Northampton Hospital, The John Radcliff, Oxford and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Grow and Sell



The gardening club were invited to attend a presentation on growing fresh produce at Waitrose last week and were then presented with some grow and sell kits. The children will be growing some produce during our club sessions and then we hope to return to Waitrose to sell our produce at the end of term. Fingers crossed that our plants grow!

We encourage you, as a family, to write prayers of thanks or of petition which can be added to our new community prayer board located in the chapel. The prayers will be referred to when classes or groups meet for prayer and reflection throughout the school day. Just send your prayers in to school with your child.

Open Chapel

We are delighted to offer families the opportunity to access our chapel for quiet prayer and reflection during the Summer Term on specific Mondays from 8:15 - 8:35. Please see the date section of this newsletter for details.

St Bernadette's Feast Day

Thank you to all of the parents who generously gave of their time on St Bernadette's Feast Day. Your support allowed the children to access a range of activities focussing on the life of St Bernadette, our school logo and the rosary. We were thrilled to finally be able to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint during term time, in 2015, the year our school celebrates its 10th year.

Rosary Club

Sr Yvonne, our school Chaplain and RE Governor, will be launching a lunchtime Rosary Club for May when she presents a collective worship for KS2 pupils on 30th April.

The club will run on Tuesday lunchtimes during May, the month of Our Lady.



Prayerzone

Prayer Zone had a good Spring Term, with our focus on new beginnings, Lent, followed by two special Prayer Zones to work through The Stations of the Cross before Easter.

During the Summer Term we will be focusing on, Resurrection and New Life, Pentecost and the Holy Spirit and will enjoy some quiet meditation sessions. We will also be running a SATS Prayer Zone for the Year 6s during SATs week. Year 6 are also going to taking part in some special prayer spaces at Christ the King Church on Friday 8th May.



Please keep our children who are preparing to make their **First Holy Communion** in your prayers and consider attending their special Mass at the different parishes:

12:00 16th May, St Augustine's
10:00 6th June, Our Lady of Lourdes
17:30 6th June, Christ the Cornerstone
14:00 13th June, Christ the King

Families of our first communicants will be invited to a special celebratory Mass in school.



Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

(Where there is charity and love, God is there)

Liturgical Dates for your diary:

29/04/15: 2:50 Y4 Leopard Class Collective Worship in the chapel with families

30/04/15: 10:40 Sr Yvonne will lead a collective worship on the Rosary before launching a lunchtime Rosary Club

05/05/15: 12:30 - 12:45 Lunchtime Rosary Club (KS2)

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12/05/15: Y1 Sponsored circuits (outdoor PE) - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

13/05/15: Y4 Sponsored "Dance-off" - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

14/05/15: Y2 Film and popcorn - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

16/05/15: 12:00 First Holy Communion Mass, St Augustine's, Heelands

16/05/15: May Fair 12- 3:00 pm Please visit our stall supporting the Henry Allen Trust

17/05/15: Ascension of the Lord

19/05/15: 12:30 - 12:45 Lunchtime Rosary Club (KS2)

19/05/15: Y3 sponsored Zumba with children and families 1:30 - 3pm - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

19/05/15: 2pm Community Matters Coffee Afternoon in the Eco-Lodge

22/05/15: FS mini-beast hunt - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

24/05/15: Pentecost - in half term

01/06/15: 8:15 - 8:35 Open Chapel - all families welcome to "drop in"

01/06/15: New Value: Respect

06/06/15: 10:00 First Holy Communion Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes at St Paul's

06/06/15: 5:30 pm First Holy Communion Mass, Christ the Cornerstone

07/06/15: Body and Blood of the Lord

13/06/15: 2:00 pm First Holy Communion Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes at St Paul's

16/06/15: 9:00 am First Holy Communion Celebration Mass Y3- Y6 and parents of First Communicants.

17/06/15: 2:50 Y3 Kangaroo Class Collective Worship in chapel with families

22/06/15: 8:15 - 8:35 Open Chapel - all families welcome to "drop in"

28/06/15: St Peter & St Paul

29/06/15: New Value: Courage

01/07/15: Y5 Cake sale and chocolate tombola, 3pm on playground - fundraising for Henry Allen Trust

06/07/15: 8:15 - 8:35 Open Chapel - all families welcome to "drop in"

08/07/15: 6pm Y6 Leavers' Mass for Y6 pupils and their families

20/07/15: 8:15 - 8:35 Open Chapel - all families welcome to "drop in"