



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

# Community Matters



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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

## Charity Work Update

A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported the fundraising events for the Winter Night Shelter and the Friday Night Soup Run. In total, we raised just over £1200, in addition to providing good quality warm clothes, coffee, tea and tins of soup. John Smith recently wrote a letter to the children thanking them both for their "exceptional behaviour", "attentive involvement" and "brilliant questioning" at his presentation about the work of the Soup Run. He said that the money we have donated will ensure that the Friday Night Soup Run can continue to provide this essential service for a further 2-3 years!



Year of Mercy



We owe a big thank you to many people who support the staff in delivering the spiritual provision in our school, in particular the Lenten preparations during the Easter term: Fr Paul provided a contemplative Service of Forgiveness and Renewal, followed by confessions for Y6 pupils and a Lenten Mass that parents were also invited to attend. Sr Yvonne delivered a lovely Ash Wednesday service for KS2 pupils and parents and the Children's Chaplaincy Team administered ashes to FS and KS1 pupils. The Children's Chaplaincy Team, who work so hard to support the charitable and prayer life of the school, led Stations of the Cross before school during Lent. The children demonstrated maturity and sensitivity, resulting in a very prayerful, reflective experience for all who attended. St Bernadette's Feast Day (16<sup>th</sup> April) was celebrated in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful collective worship led by Sr Yvonne. She gave the children new insight into the life of St Bernadette and the role model she provides for us all.

## What Next?

The Children's Chaplaincy Team do not wish to rest on their laurels and are already hard at work planning for their next charity venture which will start this term and continue into the next academic year. They wish to sponsor a Guide Dog and further details will soon follow regarding planned events for this term and beyond.



Please keep all pupils who are currently preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in your prayers. Please consider supporting them by attending this special event along their personal faith journeys. Our pupils will be celebrating their First Holy Communions on the following dates:

30.04.16		Our Lady of Czestochowa, Dunstable
01.05.16		St Francis & Therese, Northampton
08.05.16	10:30	St Mary's Woburn Sands
14.05.16	12:00	St Augustine's, Heelands
14.05.16	15:00	St Bede's, Newport Pagnell
28.05.16	10:00	Our Lady of Lourdes, Leadenhall (St Paul's)
28.05.16	14:00	Christ the King, Kents Hill
28.05.16		All Saints & Thomas Aquinas
12.06.16		St Mary Magdalen & St Francis de Sales

## RILEY'S RAINBOW RUN

Via the School Gateway, you will have received information of the Rainbow Run in memory of Riley Ferguson who tragically lost his life last year. The money raised will support the hospice where he spent his final days. Please consider joining the team or supporting them through messages, prayers or sponsorship. Please see the team page at:

<https://secure.helenanddouglas.org.uk/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=75149&langPref=en-CA>

## Prayerzone

In prayer Zone last half term we were thinking about the love of God and the needs of our world during our Lenten journey. We used some materials provided by Cafod to help us. At the beginning of this half term we are looking at New Life and praising God for all things. We will be focusing on how we can make a fresh start in the light of Jesus' resurrection. Later in the half term, during May, we will be focusing on Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit impacts our lives today.



**Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est**

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

From 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Each Tuesday during May KS2 lunchtime rosary club 12:30 - 12:45
08/05/16	Ascension of the Lord
09/05/16	New Value: Humility
11/05/16	2:30 Y1 Starfish Class Worship with parents
15/05/16	Pentecost Sunday
25/05/16	2:30 Y1 Seahorse Class Worship with parents
29/05/16	Body and Blood of the Lord (Sunday)
06/06/16	New Value: Simplicity
15/06/16	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass Y3- Y6 and the parents of the First Communicants.
22/06/16	2:30 FS2L and FS2B Class Worship with parents (NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR FS2B)
27/06/16	New Value: Unity
28/06/16	2:15 pm Mass for St Peter and St Paul - Y3-6 & parents
29/06/16	St Peter & St Paul
18/07/16	NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:00pm with Fr Paul
18/07/16	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 9:00

Thank you to all of you who visited Waitrose and supported our fundraising in support of our planned Prayer Garden. Thanks to your help we will receive a £273 donation from Waitrose.

We are still at the planning stage and will update you as the process progresses.

## *Reflection for Pentecost*

*Spirit of Light, let the fire of your wisdom burn brightly within us.*

*Spirit of Silence, in the still moment may we be open to God's presence*

*Spirit of Courage, dispel the fear that lingers in our hearts.*

*Spirit of Fire, engulf us with the passion of Christ's love.*

*Spirit of Peace, help us to be attentive to God's word in the world*

*Spirit of Joy, enthuse us to proclaim aloud the Good News.*

*Spirit of Love, compel us to open ourselves to the needs of others.*

*Spirit of Power, bestow the gifts of your strength upon us.*

*Spirit of Truth, guide us to walk in the way of Christ.*

