



Value for Autumn 2:
Compassion.
Value for Spring 1:
Courage

Community Matters

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Supporting Guide Dogs

Once again we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit of our school community. Through a variety of fundraising activities such as the MUFTI day and the Y5 stall at the Christmas Fair, we have already raised an incredible £919.62 to support the wonderful work of Guide Dogs. More activities will follow next term. We have been blessed by the ongoing support of the initial trainer, Fi Jones and her family who have visited each year group with Tiger the Guide Dog puppy. They also provided a session for parents and attended the school fair. This has allowed the children to gain a very good insight into the work of a Guide Dog as they follow Tiger's journey. He will visit us all again next term and we look forward to seeing how much he has grown and the skills that he has developed.



OUR NEW VALUES MISSION

During Autumn Term we ran our first Values Mission, focussing on the value of Compassion. We were delighted to welcome so many families from across the school into the small hall and chapel to experience the prayer stations and activities relating to compassion in our world. We gratefully thank the Children's Chaplaincy Team for their help with this. We look forward to welcoming you to our next Values Mission.

Prayer Zone Update

Lunchtime Prayer Zone continues to be very well attended. The main foci over the past half term have been Remembrance and Advent. The final session was focused on Christmas Praise and the children particularly enjoyed praising through singing.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Please keep those children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in your prayers.

Please note that whilst we support our children through a regular prayer group, formal preparation for these sacraments takes place within the parish, not within schools. If your child is making their First Holy Communion this year and the school has not been informed, please let Mrs Zamora know ASAP



Help for the Homeless of Milton Keynes

We cannot thank you enough for the generosity and compassion you have demonstrated towards the homeless of Milton Keynes and those who find themselves in crisis.

The harvest collection provided the MK Foodbank with a van filled of canned and dried food.

The gifts provided through the Giving Tree have provided three car loads of gifts for those attending the Winter Night Shelter and the Friday Night Soup Run.

We have received letters of thanks from the volunteers from both of these charitable organisations and even received several heartfelt cards from those benefitting from the Night Shelter thanking us for their gifts.

We have also been able to provide a £225.65 donation to the Winter Night Shelter following the collections at the end of the Y5/6 Carol Service.

Isiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Advent Preparations and Christmas Celebrations

We thank Fr Paul and Sr Yvonne for supporting us with our Advent preparations through Mass, services and reflections. It has been lovely to see how well attended the Masses have been by family members; we thank you for this ongoing support.

We hope that you have enjoyed the Nativity Performances and Carol Services. These are wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together. The true meaning of Christmas is always so well interpreted and communicated by our children - we can learn so much from them.



From all of the staff of St Bernadette's, we wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones.



Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

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

Liturgical Dates for your diary:

25/12/16	Christmas Day
30/12/16	Feast of the Holy Family
08/01/17	Celebration of the Epiphany
09/01/17	New Value = Courage
09/01/17	Baptism of the Lord
11/01/17	2:50 Y6 Meteor Class Worship with parents
18 th - 25 th Jan 2017	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Focus for Prayerzone and Class Collective worships
25/01/17	2:50 Y5 Eagle Class Worship with parents
01/02/17	Y2 Turtle Class Worship with parents 2:30 pm
10/02/17	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly
20/02/17	New Value = Forgiveness
01/03/17	Ash Wednesday Service Y3-6 & Parents. Ashes administered to FS/KS1 by children's Chaplaincy Team 2:00pm
05/03/17	First Sunday in Lent
06/03/17	Forgiveness and Renewal service 1:45 - 2:00 Y3 - Y4 followed by pre-booked 1:1 confessions for Y6 with Fr Paul in chapel.
07/03/17	Weekly Stations of the Cross Tuesdays 8:15 - 8:40 Led by Children's Chaplaincy Team in chapel followed by quiet prayer and reflection
08/03/17	2:30 Y2 Dolphin Class Worship with parents
15/03/17	2:30 Y1 Starfish Class Worship with parents
17/03/17	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly
22/03/17	2:30 Y1 Seahorse Class Worship with parents
25/03/17	Feast of the Annunciation
29/03/17	2:00 Y3-6 & Parents - Mass for Lent with Fr Paul
14/04/17	Good Friday
16/04/17	Easter Sunday
16/04/17	St Bernadette's Feast Day (Saturday)
18/04/17	New Value = Friendship
18/04/17	9:00 am assembly - celebrating St Bernadette's Feast Day (16 th April). Led by Sr Yvonne
02/05/17	And each Tuesday during May KS2 lunchtime rosary club 12:30 - 12:45
03/05/17	2:50 Y4 Leopard Class Worship with parents
11/05/17	Y6 Retreat
12/05/17	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly
23/05/17	Kang/Leopard Pentecost Praise 2pm
25/05/17	Panda/Lion Pentecost Praise 2pm
28/05/17	The Ascension of the Lord
04/06/17	Pentecost Sunday
05/06/17	New Value = Respect
09/06/17	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly
11/06/17	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
18/06/17	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
23/06/17	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
24/06/17	Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist
28/06/17	2:30 FS2L & FSB Class Worship with parents
29/06/17	Feast of St Peter & St Paul
30/06/17	2:15 pm Mass for St Peter and St Paul - Y3-6 Parents are welcome
TBC	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass Y3- Y6 and parents of First Communicants.
12/07/17	Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:00pm with Fr Paul Planned for and led by Y6 pupils, supported by Sr Yvonne

PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR COMMUNITY MATTERS NEWSLETTER OR SUGGESTIONS TO HELP DEVELOP THE SPIRITUALITY OF OUR SCHOOL TO MRS ZAMORA

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