



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Community Matters



Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Helping the Homeless in Milton Keynes



Thank you so much for your ongoing help in supporting the invaluable work of the Winter Night Shelter and MK Soup Run.

Representatives from both charitable organisations visited school and spoke with our pupils. They were overwhelmed by the support that our school community has already provided. Thanks to you, we have provided a wide range of warm winter clothes, toiletries, tea, coffee and soup in addition to £587 raised from the Autumn term Mufti Day and Carol Service collection.

Each year group is planning their own fund raising events which will take place over the coming weeks. As always, we urge you to continue to be as generous as you always are as we join together in helping the homeless in Milton Keynes. Please see overleaf for details of the planned events.

Please keep the homeless and those working to help them in your prayers during these cold winter months.



Stations of the Cross

Following the opening of our small hall, which allows us to extend the school chapel to accommodate larger groups, we will be providing weekly Stations of the Cross, led by the Children's Chaplaincy Team. This will start on Tuesday 1st March at 8:15 and run for four weeks until Tuesday 22nd March.

Attending Stations of the Cross is a special way to prepare for the events of Holy Week and reflect upon Jesus' love for us. It provides a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of Himself to us.

Please ensure that any children who attend are accompanied by an adult.

St Bernadette's Holy Door of Mercy

Pope Francis has encouraged a "Door of Mercy" to be opened in places of worship for pilgrims to walk through as a sign of their faith. We will be opening our school Holy Door of Mercy on 26th February and each child will attend a service, walk through the Holy Door and carry out work based on the corporal works of mercy. Parents and family members are encouraged to collect their children at the end of the day and walk together through our Holy Door. You can access the door through the main school entrance, entering into the chapel.



Year of Mercy



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. You are warmly invited to join us for an Ash Wednesday Service led by Sr Yvonne for our KS2 pupils at 2pm on Wed 10th February.

Our Children's Chaplaincy Team will administer ashes to the younger pupils before the end of the school day.

Please keep all pupils who are currently preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in your prayers.



Prayerzone

In Prayer Zone this half term the children have enjoyed experiencing guided prayer and meditation and taking time to reflect. Those that have attended have all commented on how much they have enjoyed the peace and quiet and the opportunity to slow down and take a moment of calm, something we all need to do sometimes in this busy world! In the next two weeks up to half term we are looking at the love of God and how God calls us to love one another. After half term we will begin our Prayer Zone journey through Lent which will conclude with our special Easter Prayer Zone in the last week of the spring term which is Holy week.



Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

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

Dates for your diary:

08/02/16	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 9:00
10/02/16	Ash Wednesday Service Y3-6 Parents are welcome to attend. Ashes administered to FS/KS1 by Children's Chaplaincy Team 2:00pm
11/02/16	Y4 Sponsored Silence - fundraising for charity work
12/02/16	FS Teddy Bears' Picnic - fundraising for charity work
12/02/16	Y2 Movie & Popcorn afternoon - fundraising for charity work
14/02/16	First Sunday in Lent
22/02/16	New Value: Tolerance
22/02/16	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 9:00
24/02/16	Y1 Sponsored fitness event - fundraising for charity work
26/02/16	Walk through our Holy Door of Mercy after collecting your child at end of the day!
Starting 01/03/16	Weekly Stations of the Cross Tuesdays 8:15 - 8:35 Led by Children's Chaplaincy Team in chapel followed by quiet prayer and reflection (Note change of day)
02/03/16	2:50 Y3 Kangaroo Class Worship with parents
03/03/16	Y3 Wheels Afternoon - fundraising for charity work
08/03/16	Weekly Stations of the Cross Tuesdays 8:15 - 8:35
14/03/16	New Value: Cooperation
15/03/16	Weekly Stations of the Cross Tuesdays 8:15 - 8:35
15/03/16	Forgiveness and Renewal service 1:45 - 2:00 Y3 - Y4 (children only) followed by 1:1 confessions for Y6 with Fr Paul in chapel.
17/03/16	Y6 Cake Sale & Lucky Dip - fundraising for charity work
18/03/16	2:15 Y3-6 & Parents - Mass for Lent with Fr Paul
22/03/16	Weekly Stations of the Cross Tuesdays 8:15 - 8:35
22/03/16	2pm Y3/4 Kangaroo/Leopard Easter Reflection
23/03/16	2pm Y3/4 Panda/Lion Easter Reflection
24/03/16	Y5 Café - fundraising for charity work
25/03/16	Good Friday
27/03/16	Easter Sunday
11/04/16	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 9:00
16/04/16	St Bernadette's Feast Day (Saturday)
18/04/16	New Value: Honesty
18/04/16	9:00 am assembly - celebrating St Bernadette's Feast Day. Sr Yvonne
20/04/16	2:30 Y2 Turtle and Dolphin (note date change) Class Worship with parents Worship with parents
From 3 rd 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
22/06/16	2:30 FS2L Class Worship with parents
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
tbc	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass Y3- Y6 and parents of First Communicants.
06/07/15	2:30 FS2B Class Worship with parents
07/07/16	Y6 Leavers Mass 6:00pm with Fr Paul
18/07/16	Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 9:00