



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Community Matters



Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Dear Parents / Carers,

Once again, your response to our charity work has been overwhelming. Thanks to your support, we have been able to raise £3014 to support the wonderful work of NSPCC's childline - an amazing achievement!.

Please do encourage your child to practise saying the childline number: 0800 1111 so that he/she knows this number by heart.

On 10th December, we will be having a "Festive Mufti Day". Whilst we wish to have fun and celebrate the festive season, we do so in the knowledge that so many families in West Africa are suffering from the devastating effects of the ebola. We wish to support DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) and ask that on the Mufti Day your child brings a minimum of £1 to contribute to their vital work. The Children's Chaplaincy Team, with Y5 and Y6 will also be holding a cake sale from 3pm on 16th December for the same cause.

This is a difficult issue to discuss with young children, but we have found that CAFOD's powerpoint presentation provides an appropriate level of information. We will be sharing this with our pupils and encourage you to discuss it home. You can find this resource at:

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/Resources/Primary/resource-pages/Ebola-crisis-resources>

The sale of poppies and related items for the British Legion was also very well supported and an amazing £404 was raised. Mrs Clewlow led an assembly on 10th November to explain to children Y1-Y6 how the British Legion use the funds that are raised. This was followed by a well observed minute of silence for the whole school on the playground on 11th November.

Our Giving Tree will be available in our entrance area throughout December. Please take a tag from the tree, buy the item described on the tag, wrap it, attach the tag and place it under the Giving Tree. This is a lovely way to ensure that some of the neediest families in our area are also able to enjoy a few treats this Christmas.

We encourage you, as a family, to write prayers of thanks or of petition on the attached sheet. These can be added to our new family prayerboard located in the chapel. The prayers will be referred to when classes or groups meet for prayer and reflection throughout the school day.



Thank you to all of those parents who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend the class collective worships in the chapel. It has been wonderful to see so many of you there. (See overleaf for next term's dates)

Thinking of attending a Catholic Mass?

There are many Catholic Churches within the Milton Keynes area and our school primarily serves the following parishes:

Church	Mass times
Christ the King, Kents Hill	Sundays 11:30
Christ the Corner Stone - Centre MK	Saturdays 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes - St Paul's Secondary School, Leadenhall	Sundays 10:00am
St Mary's Woburn Sands	Saturdays 6:30pm Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am

The first Sunday in Advent is 30th November. Every Monday from 1st December, the chapel will be open to the school community from 8:15 - 8:45 for quiet prayer and reflection. Please do take the opportunity to drop in for a moment of calm before you start your day. Prayer cards will be available to take home to share as a family.

Prayerzone



This term, Prayerzone has been very well attended. We have focussed on Harvest and Remembrance. The children made their own Book of Remembrance which can be found in the chapel. During the remainder of this term, our prayers will focus on Advent and preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

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

Liturgical Dates for your diary:

- 28/11/14** : (10:30) Wreath Building Mass for Y3-Y6 with Fr Paul Hardy (pupils only)
- 30/11/14**: First Sunday of Advent
- From 01/12/14**: (8:15 - 8:45) and each Monday in Advent, school chapel open to all of our school community for quiet prayer and reflection - please join us. New Value is friendship
- 04/12/14**: (2:15pm) Acorns (pm) Saplings L - Christmas Performance
- 05/12/14**: (9:30) Acorns (am) Saplings B - Christmas Performance
- 10/12/14**: Festive Mufti Day (ordinary Mufti if you prefer!) Please bring minimum £1 to support the DEC's fight against Ebola
- 10/12/14**: (2:00pm) Starfish and Dolphin Christmas Performance
- 11/12/14**: (2:00pm) Seahorse and Turtle Christmas Performance
- 16/12/14**: (3:00 pm) Y5 and Y6 cake sale in aid of DEC's fight against Ebola
- 17/12/14**: (6:00pm) Y5/6 Christmas Carols and Readings
- 18/12/14**: (9:30): Y5/6 Christmas Carols and Readings for the community and families with babies / toddlers.
- 06/01/15**: Back to School - New school value is Caring
- 21/01/15**: (2:50): Y3 Panda Class collective worship with parents in the chapel
- 02/02/15**: New school value = happiness
- 11/02/15**: (2:50) Y6 Meteor Class collective worship with parents in the chapel
- 18/02/15**: Ash Wednesday NB this falls during half term holiday
- 22/02/15**: First Sunday in Lent
- 02/03/15**: New school value = forgiveness. 8:15 - 8:45 Stations of the Cross in the chapel, 1:45 Y3-Y6 Forgiveness and renewal service with Fr Paul Hardy (pupils).
- 09/03/15**: Stations of the Cross in the chapel 8:15 - 8:45
- 16/03/15**: Stations of the Cross in the chapel 8:15 - 8:45
- 18/03/15**: (2:50): Y5 Eagle Class collective worship with parents in the chapel
- 23/03/15**: Stations of the Cross in the chapel 8:15 - 8:45
- 24/03/15**: (2:00) Kangaroo and Leopard Class Easter Reflection
- 25/03/15**: (2:00) Panda and Lion Class Easter Reflection
- 29/03/15**: Palm Sunday
- 03/04/15**: Good Friday
- 05/04/15**: Easter Sunday



Prayer Requests