



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Community Matters



Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Dear Parents / Carers,

Once again this year, Charity work will play a crucial role in all we do at St Bernadette's. Our Children's Chaplaincy Team will be making important decisions about the type of fundraising activities we carry out and the different charities we will support as the year progresses.

Our main charity focus for Autumn Term will be the NSPCC. The Children's Chaplaincy Team will send further details in the coming weeks.

September 22nd to 26th is a special time within the year to give thanks to God for the harvest. We also take time to reflect on the fact that not everyone has the same access to food, drink and other basic necessities that we have.



We ask that you send in donations of tinned, dried and long-life food to school from 22nd to 26th September. As last year, your donations will go to the MK Food Bank, a charity that distributes food parcel to families and individuals within Milton Keynes who have reached crisis point. National statistics show that some wards of Milton Keynes are within 10% of the most deprived areas in England. In one ward, the number of people relying on means tested benefits is 50% higher than the England average. The Food Bank provides local families and individuals with essential food supplies at a time when they need them most, covering the days and weeks before they are back on their feet or other social care infrastructures can come into play. We are proud to support their valuable work. You can find out more about the Food Bank at www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

Families and friends are also warmly invited to join us for short Harvest Prayer Services. KS1 service will take place at 9:00 on 23rd September. The KS2 service will take place at 10:35 on 25th September



Throughout the year, pupils in KS2 will be inviting their families to join them in the chapel for a specially prepared worship. Y6 Comet Class pupils invite their families to join them at the first class worship on 24th September at 2:50.



This year CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day will take place on 3rd October. We will be celebrating the "CAFOD'S Silly Share" by coming to school looking as "silly" as possible. Be as imaginative as you wish but please ensure that your child will be comfortable throughout the day in what they wear and that he/she wears the usual school shoes. On this day please send your child with a minimum £1 donation to support CAFOD's humanitarian work in Gaza.

Prayer Zone will be restarting on 1st October for pupils in Y3-Y6. It will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes. This term we will be focussing on harvest prayer, remembrance and Advent.



We were delighted to welcome Sister Yvonne to St Bernadette's on her recent visit to the school. She will shortly be moving to the presbytery at Christ the King in Kents Hill and will be supporting the pastoral work of the parish. She has a wealth of experience to share and we are very much looking forward to working closely with her over the coming year.

Ubi caritas et amour Deus ibi est

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

Liturgical Dates for your diary:

22nd - 26th September: Please bring in donations of dried, tinned and long-life foods for MK Food Bank

23/09/14: KS1 (Y1-Y2) Harvest Prayer Service 9:00 Families welcome

24/09/14: Y6 Comet Class Worship in the school chapel at 2:50 Comet Class families are warmly invited to join us.

25/09/14 KS2 (Y3-Y6) Harvest Prayer Service 10:35 Families welcome

03/10/14: CAFOD Fast Day - "The Big Silly Share" - bring £1 to support CAFOD's humanitarian work in Gaza and come dressed in the most silly way you can think of! Try silly socks, silly hair, a silly hat, Dad's shirt and tie...anything silly you can think of (normal school shoes).

20th - 22nd October: Y6 Retreat to Alton Castle

02/11/14: All Saints' Day - Holy Day of Obligation during half term

03/11/14: All Souls

30/11/14: First Sunday of Advent

From 01/12/14: (8:15 - 8:45) and each Monday in Advent, the school chapel will be available to all of our school community for quiet prayer and reflection - please join us.

04/12/14: (2:15pm) Acorns (pm) Saplings L - Christmas Performance

05/12/14: (9:15) Acorns (am) Saplings B - Christmas Performance

08/12/14: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10/12/14: (2:00pm) Starfish and Dolphin Christmas Performance

11/12/14: (2:00pm) Seahorse and Turtle Christmas Performance

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.



*On this mountain,
For all peoples,
The Lord is preparing
A banquet of rich food*

Isaiah 25:6