



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Pentecost Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We are reminded that we should never feel afraid to approach her in prayer for grace, strength and her intercession to Jesus for our personal intentions. Each Tuesday during May from 12:30 – 12:45 a lunchtime Rosary Club takes place in our school chapel. You are more than welcome to join our children for this moment of calm during the busy week.

The remainder of Pentecost Term is full of events and celebrations. Please check the dates page at the end of this newsletter to make sure that you have them all in your diaries.

At St Bernadette's, Years 3 and 4 traditionally present an Easter Reflection for our families, but since Easter Sunday was the last Sunday of the holidays, we felt that this year it would be more appropriate to offer our community a Pentecost Service. We hope that you will be able to join us to reflect upon the day that is widely celebrated as the birthday of the Christian faith.

Our Annual St Bernadette Award Ceremony for pupils who consistently provide an excellent role model by living our mission statement and our Achievement Awards Ceremony will take place later this term; I very much look forward to receiving the staff nominations for these special recognitions.

Please see the Diary Dates section at the end of this newsletter for key events taking place this term.

Living our mission in mind, body and spirit

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who attended the Internet safety session delivered by the NSPCC. I hope that you found the session as helpful as I did.

I also thank the parents who joined me for the Relationships and Sex Education information evening. The lessons will take part for our pupils after half term.

The recent Friendship Mission was very well attended by families across the school. I am extremely grateful to the staff members of our Chaplaincy Team, the Mini Vinnies, the Children's Chaplaincy Team and the wonderful volunteers from St Paul's who worked so hard to make this such a pleasurable, enriching experience for all those who attended.

Please can I ask for your help and support in modelling the behaviours we expect from our children – on Tuesday a parent hit and marked another parent's car in our carpark and left without mentioning it. On the same day, a member of the local community was sworn at by one of our parents after she and her child were nearly hit by the parent's car door.

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Thank you to Year 4 and all of you who visited the delicious bake sale they organised to support the Guide Dogs. Tiger himself even came to say thank you. He is growing so fast and learning more and more skills. You will get the chance to see him again at our May Fair on Friday 19th May. The cake sale raised a staggering £115.65! This takes our running total to £1,264



Well done and thank you Year 4!

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to all of our children who have made their First Holy Communion recently or will be doing so over the coming weeks. Please keep these children in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journeys. We will celebrate with them as a school at a special Mass on 12th June at 2pm.



Please also keep Sr Yvonne, our Governor and Pastoral Administrator of Christ the King Church, in your prayers as she recovers from a full hip replacement

MAY FAIR

Our May Fair will take place on Friday 19th May 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. We do hope that you can join us to make it a special, successful and enjoyable experience for the whole school community. Please consider signing up to help with one of the stalls or activities.

Sporting Update

Thank you to all of our pupils who have represented the school in such a positive manner at sporting events this year - we are extremely proud of you all. The Y5/6 football team even have their eye on a position at the top of the football league! Only a few matches left - Good Luck!

May I ask that pupils do not bring Fidget Spinners to school. As with all such crazes, there is a risk of loss and damage and they are causing quite a distraction.

St Bernadette's Speech Cup



The ability to speak confidently and articulately, particularly in front of others, is a vital skill for success in today's society and we want to support our children as much as possible in acquiring the skills of public speaking.

Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to recite a poem of their choice. Key Stage 2 pupils are expected to prepare a speech of no longer than 5 minutes on a topic of their choice. They are welcome to use props or PowerPoint presentations etc. to support their delivery, although reading directly from screens or using scripts is discouraged.

Heats will take place in classes shortly after half term and staff and pupils will vote for the best poem or speech to go through to the finals on 29th June to represent their class.

Please support your child with preparations over the half term holiday.

Uniform and Presentation

As the weather will hopefully get warmer, children may come to school without a tie, girls may wear summer uniform dresses and boys may wear formal navy shorts, but the same high standards still remain. I remind you that nail polish, oversized and colourful hair bows and earrings other than simple studs are not permitted.

In keeping with other local schools, **from September**, shaved patterns or lines in the children's hair, colourful hair extensions and colourful weaves will not be permitted. Please make use of the summer holidays to be as creative as you wish, allowing time for patterns/lines to grow out and colourful weaves/extensions to be removed before returning to school.

I thank you for your support with these matters.



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Diary Dates for Pentecost

Wednesday 17 th May	NSPCC assemblies KS1 and FS 9:00 am, KS2 9:30 am,
Friday 19 th May	MAY FAIR 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm Please come and have fun!
Monday 22 nd May	Mrs Zamora's Headteacher Induction Mass 7:00 pm Main School Hall followed by refreshments.
Tuesday 23 rd May 2 pm	Year 4 Kangaroo and Leopard Pentecost Praise 2pm Main School Hall
Thursday 25 th May 2 pm	Year 4 Panda and Lion: Pentecost Praise 2pm Main School Hall
Monday 29 th May- Monday 5 th June	Half Term- school starts on Tuesday June 6th Monday 5th June is an INSET day for staff
Over half term, please help your child to begin to prepare for the Annual Poetry Cup (FS and KS1) and Speech Cup (KS2) - more information to follow.	
Friday 9 th June	Fun Run - 9:00 FS and KS1, 2:30 KS2
Monday 12 th June	First Communion Celebration Mass - for all of our pupils who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this term and their families.
Tuesday 13 th June	Catholic Schools' Sports Day "Go St Bernadette's!"
Tuesday 20 th June	6pm Current Acorn Parent Information Evening for joining Saplings (FS2)
Wednesday 21 st June	6pm New to school Saplings (FS2) Parent Information Evening
Friday 23 rd June	Y6 mini fair in aid of Guide Dogs
Tuesday 27 th June	6pm New Acorn (FS1) Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 28 th June	9:15 Nursery Acorns (FS1 am) Speech Cup Final 12:45 Nursery Acorns (FS1 pm) Speech Cup Final 2:30 Saplings (FS2) Collective Worship - school chapel
Thursday 29 th June	9:00 FS2 and KS1 Speech Cup Final 1:45 KS2 Speech Cup Final
Friday 30 th June	2pm Mass for St Peter and St Paul. Join KS2 pupils in the main school hall
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 4-6 Sports Day. Am field events, PM track events
Thursday 6 th July	9:00 - 10:15 YR and Y1 Sports Day 10:30 - 12:00 y2 and Y3 Sports Day
Monday 10 th July	10:00 Welcome Assembly for all pupils and families joining St Bernadette's in September
Tuesday 11 th July	6pm Summer Concert
Wednesday 12 th July	Transition Morning - children will meet their new teachers for next year 2:20 pm FS2 parents' Afternoon Tea - come and meet the Year 1 staff 6:00 pm Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Friday 14 th July	6:00 pm Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 18 th July	9:15 am Y6 Performance for families with young children 6:00 pm Y6 Performance
Wednesday 19 th July	6:00 pm St Bernadette's Achievement Awards Ceremony
Thursday 20 th July	2:00 pm St Bernadette's Award Ceremony
Friday 21 st July	End of the school year - school closes 2:15 for FS and KS1 pupils 2:30 for KS2 pupils

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