



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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We pray for the love that can be shared at Christmas.

### Attendance.

Meteors 95.7  
 Comets 96.3  
 Eagle 96.3  
 Falcon 98.1  
 Lion 90.5  
 Leopard 97.5  
 Panda 96.0  
 Kangaroo 96.5  
 Dolphin 97.7  
 Turtle 97.9  
 Starfish 96.5  
 Seahorse 96.9  
 Saplings L 97.1  
 Saplings B 96.3

Well done through the difficult winter period. There have been a number of extended holidays which should not be happening!

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>
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Dear Parents and Carers,  
 We have come to the end of a very long term with final Advent and Christmas celebrations drawing to a close. I am sure you enjoyed your child's Nativity play and our 'Sing Noel' was uplifting. Our music coordinator Miss Griggs has had an enormous impact this year with the standard of singing and musical accompaniment rising considerably. There were stunning performances. I hope you will join me in thanking all staff for the wonderful job they have done in the last few weeks to make the Christmas celebrations both spiritual and lots of fun. I know that your children will take away many good memories.

An enormous thank you to the FoSB for their continued support this term with the International Evening, an endless stream of tea and coffee making at our plays, the Christmas Shop and now the fun discos for all the children. For the first year they put on a Christmas Fair which was hugely successful. Well done to all parents, grandparents, friends and staff who helped out and your support by attending events.

The term draws to a close and myself and the senior staff will be looking at the progress your children have made in English and Mathematics. Progress reports will be forwarded at the end of January in preparation for the mid-year review Parent Consultations. I am very pleased with the early progress information being returned that the efforts of staff and parents is being translated into improved progress for your children.

The workshops this term have been supported positively and I know those parents who attended feel they are better prepared to support their child's learning. Do keep up with your child's reading over the holidays.

Further developments for the New Year will be the launch of St. Bernadette's University whereby your child can choose from a variety of 'courses' (clubs) to attend during lunchtimes and after school. These courses will run for 6 weeks at a time and give your child the opportunity to try something new. It will enrich the curriculum and I hope inspire your child to try different activities and learn new skills. All these courses will be free of charge. Watch out in early January for further details.

We do have a few goodbyes at the end of term. We would like to thank Miss Hutchinson for her contribution to the school, particularly in the last year with all our sporting achievements. She will be flying off to Australia on Christmas day. She goes with our very best wishes and we hope that she remembers the school with fondness. We wish Miss Dearn our very best for her wedding and future life with her new husband. I know her class will miss her very much. Our prayers and blessings go with them both. And we say farewell but not goodbye to Mrs. Grove who will be having her baby shortly. Our good wishes go with her and her family.

It remains for me to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope you enjoy the time with your children and that you all stay safe over the Christmas period. God bless and a happy New Year to you all.

Mrs. Clewlow



### The Giving Tree

**Thank you for your contributions to the 'Giving Tree'. All the food donations will be collected on Friday and go to the Milton Keynes Food Bank. I am sure they will be greatly appreciated.**