



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus
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I listen to what you say and I show you that I am listening to you.



With all the extended holidays around the Christmas break our attendance dropped to 96.7 %

This is very disappointing. Please check holiday term dates before booking flights.

Thursday 7 th February 2-3pm and 6-7pm	Maths Workshop- Subtraction
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th February 3.30-6.15	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 13 th February 2 pm Y3-6	Ash Wednesday Mass- Parents welcome
Please bring in palms for burning in preparation for Ash Wednesday.	
Look at our diary calendars on the web or sent out with the January newsletter.	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are half way through the year now and I am delighted to see your children progressing so well. The Parents' meeting booking forms are on clip boards in your child's classroom from Monday. I look forward to seeing all families.

Staffing news

We are all thrilled to celebrate Mrs Grove's wonderful birth of baby Joseph Alexander. Congratulations!

Mrs Slinn starts her maternity leave tomorrow and I am sure good news will not be far away.

Reading Records

Our new reading records went out to Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and I hope you are making use of the format. Please encourage your child to read every night and read the key words at the back of the book. It will really make a difference.

Athletics Achievements

We are very proud to celebrate the Athletics achievements at St. Pauls last week. Our team came 2nd and James McNabb broke the record for Triple Jump. This record was set by Olympic Gold medallist Greg Rutherford when he competed in the schools' championships. Maybe we have a Gold medallist in the making!

Charity Fundraising

Our charity fundraising is progressing very well. So far we have:

- 2 Cows
- 1 Goat
- 84 Immunizations
- Treatment for mother and baby
- Chirpy chickens
- Gardening Tools
- Football kit and training
- School starter kit
- Teach a child to read
- Plant a sapling

Essential emergency kit

Our village is really benefitting from the fundraising and the children have been involved in choosing how they want to spend the money raised. Each month a Year group will be participating in a fundraising activity. Foundation had a very enjoyable pyjama day last week.

World Book Day- 7th March

Don't forget to start planning for your child's costume for World Book Day. Dress up as a character from a book. Please don't spend lots of money on costumes- think about simple ideas and homemade is often just as effective. The children also can get a lot of fun out of the making.

Collecting children early or for appointments.

This is on the increase. Not only does your child miss a lesson but the whole class are disturbed and the office staff spend time going to the classes to collect children. Children may only leave school early for an exceptional circumstance or medical appointments that have an accompanying letter or appointment card. I will be asking parents to wait until normal pick up times if this information cannot be provided.

And finally, the snowdrops are out and Spring is round the corner!

God bless, Mrs Clewlow