



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

Snow Warning

There is a forecast of snow over the weekend.

We will be open unless you are notified on Parent mail or you can check on the website.

Use the link on the from page or go directly to:

<http://www.mk.schoolclosure.org/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

A New Term and a new layout to the newsletter. As we now have so many events going on in school it has become unmanageable to print out the diary dates on a single sheet. Instead we now have monthly calendars which have been printed, sent by Parent mail and will appear on the website. I hope these will be more helpful.

I would like to welcome you all back after your Christmas break. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas with your family. I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Storey as the new class teacher for Meteor class and Miss Tanner as a new teacher for Falcon class. Mrs C Rodricks joins the team to cover Mrs Slinn's maternity leave and Mrs K Rodricks joins the cover team. We also welcome additional teaching assistant support in Foundation and Nursery; Mr Thom Collins and Jon Kendall.

Attendance and Punctuality

I hope we can continue to improve attendance this term after a fall over the month of December. I know there was more sickness and I hope the Spring brings better health for all. I was very concerned about the number of extended holidays and I trust that all have made a note of the school term dates for the rest of this year and the next.

Let's see if we can have a punctual start to the school day. With the new 'morning work' system in place there is little excuse for persistent lateness. It is very unfair on your child and others when the teacher has to stop and start again or repeat instructions.

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please check what your child is taking to school for their packed lunch. Older children sometimes help themselves. We have had many instances of sweets and sugary foods with no savoury content what so ever.

This is not good for your child. Some children have also been bringing in chocolate treats which contain nuts- eg. Snicker mini bars. With a number of our children and staff having severe allergies to nuts we ask that you do not do this. It can be like threatening!

St. Bernadette's University

This is underway now with the first of our courses being advertised to children. I am sure there will be a positive take up and I know your children will thoroughly enjoy these additional activities. I hope they begin to get a desire to extend their learning and enjoy the opportunity to try new skills. It is important that your child attends the whole course to qualify for their 'Graduation certificate'.

Uniform

Thank you for your very helpful responses in my recent Uniform Consultation. I am taking this information to the Governors and I hope to be able to provide improved options for uniform in the future. I would like to see all children in the correct school uniform so please do check the school website if you are not sure.

Progress Reports

These are being sent out a little earlier this year in response to Parents requesting an update after the Autumn Term's work. They will be with you by the end of next week and you will see that more information is included so that a useful dialogue can be had at the Parent Consultations in February. I am very pleased with the vast majority of pupils' learning. Often I can see that slow progress is occurring and low attendance is a contributing factor. We can't teach your children if they are not in school!

Good wishes and God's blessings. I look forward to a very lively and exciting term.

Regards

Mrs Clewlow