



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter January 2014 Issue No.55

Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

For the Diary see the website:

[http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar\\_full.htm](http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar_full.htm)



I try to love others as I love myself.

**Packed Lunches**



Please could we start the New Year off with healthy packed lunches.

Try to include:

- 1 savoury item
- 1 or 2 pieces of fruit
- 1 treat

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/chilhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 was a little disappointed to have so many families taking an extra few days after their Christmas break with an immediate impact upon our most recent superb attendance figures. Please do check all the holiday dates by going to our school website:

<http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar.htm>

### St. Bernadette's University

You will also see the interactive diary which you can use if you have a google diary account or just use it to view. St. Bernadette's University courses start for the Spring and Summer Terms and I am very pleased to hear that so many children are participating in the activities. All courses are run by our staff and are all free of charge. There are also a number of St. B courses running during the day but these are not on the diary.

### Sports Clubs

The Sports clubs are also free of charge and provide an introduction to a variety of sports. These will now run in half term blocks to accommodate all who want to participate. Year 5 and 6 Football will be run throughout the year as the team is drawn from both Year 5 and 6s. I appreciate that in the past football was provided by Sports coaches as a fee paying club but this is available on weekends in many locations. As a school I believe these opportunities should be open to all as an introduction to the sport. The uptake has been so positive, doubling the numbers from the fee paying club. This does mean, for the younger children, that the sessions will be half termly. Whilst I appreciate this may be inconvenient there are a number of other St. Bernadette's University courses on offer or Kidsplay is available as high quality child care from 3.15-6.00

<http://www.kidsplaychildcare.co.uk/kids-play-childcare-loughton-school-milton-keynes-after-school-clubs.htm>

### School experience survey

I am sending out a questionnaire for parents about their own schooling so that we might gather useful historical information that we can share in class with the children. So many families come from all over the world and I think it would be wonderful to share your experiences, thoughts and feelings about your own education. It may also help us understand your needs when supporting your child with their home learning. Please feel free to word process and a copy can be downloaded from the website latest news page.

### Car parking

Please could cars not park in front of the school staff car park gates. This is an emergency access and cars are unable to get in or out currently. You will remember very irate firemen trying to get their fire engine through when we had an emergency last year.

### Contact details

Please ensure any new contact numbers are given into the school office or emailed through to us. It is important that we can reach you during the day so any number you give us should be accurate and not switched off.

And finally, I trust the New Year will bring peace and good health to all our families. We will continue to strive for the highest standards and build upon the positive relationships that are clearly present within our school community. I trust you will continue to support the school in its activities and I look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

My good wishes and blessings.

Mrs Clewlow

**St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School  
Parent Survey January 2014: My School Memories**

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| <b>Parent name:</b>   |
| <b>Child/children's name:</b>   |
| <b>Child's/children's class:</b>  |
| <b>Where did you go to school?</b>  |
| <b>When did you go to school?</b>   |
| <b>What was a positive memory of school?</b>  |
| <b>Describe how you were taught particular subjects?</b>  |
| <b>What was the school building like?</b>   |
| <b>Was school a positive experience?</b>  |
| <b>How did your school help you achieve what you wanted to do in life? (Or didn't it?)</b>            |
| <b>Is there any other information about your school experience you could share with our children?</b> |