



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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**Statement to live by:**

I notice that we are the same and we are different.

**Uniform Shop Open Mon-Friday 8.30-9.0 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Don't forget to order for September**

### End of Term Diary

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 1 Trip- Woburn
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery- Farm here in school
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Albans Trip
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2 pm	First Holy Communion Mass for children and parents- please do come along to support your child.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	New children to Foundation- Welcome Assembly
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> 1.30	Yr1-3 Sports Day
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> 9-12	Transition Day- classes meet new teachers where possible.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4-6 Sports Day Am Field events Pm Track events
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Leavers Mass
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Leavers Party
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	Acorns B/ Saplings B Sports Day
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Acorns L pm and Saplings L Sports Day
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm	Year 6 Performance- Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	Year 6 Performance
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> 2.30	Last Day Close Early

Dear Parents,

The year has almost come to an end but we still have a large number of events on the calendar.

We have had some exciting times during June with our Sportspeople achieving wonderful successes. The Catholic Schools Sports Day was filled with eager anticipation of a second year win and to our delight the team brought home the trophy again. Our athletes performed superbly with a number of personal bests. This has continued this weekend by the finalists in the Large Schools competition collectively gaining sufficient points for them to bring home the winning trophy. A fantastic result! Thank you Mr. Hardwick!

**As the term draws to an end we do have a few farewells and goodbyes.**

Mrs Spennewyn begins an exciting teaching position in Dubai. This is an amazing opportunity and we pass on our thanks for her superb contribution to St. Bernadette's. Mrs Broadbridge, our teaching assistant in Starfish class is moving away from Milton Keynes and our good wishes go with her. We thank Miss Storey, in Meteor class, Mrs Davies and Miss Tate in Falcon class for providing excellent cover.

We have three new teachers starting in September to fill in some of the gaps created during the year. Mrs Smith joins us from a school in Liverpool into Year 5 while Miss Phillips and Miss Smith are joining Years 2 and 3 respectively. We look forward to Mrs Grove returning during the Autumn term and she will resume her excellent classroom teaching in Year 5. Mrs White will start the year with Mrs Donnelly until Mrs Grove returns. Mrs Slinn will be rejoining the team in December. Mrs Forman has had a lovely baby boy- many congratulations and we wish Miss Sheen all the best for her forthcoming wedding.

## Classes for September 2013

Current Class 	Class in September	Teacher
	Nursery	Mrs Fisher
	Saplings B	Mrs Cattigan
	Saplings L	Mrs Baggaley
Bernadettes B (Some changes already agreed)	1 Seahorse	Miss Antony
Bernadettes L (Some changes already agreed)	1 Starfish	Mrs Homer
Seahorse	2 Turtle	Miss Smith
Starfish	2 Dolphin	Miss G-Symons
Dolphin	3 Kangaroo	Mrs Lazzari
Turtle	3 Panda	Miss Phillips
Panda	4 Leopard	Miss Ford
Kangaroo	4 Lion	Miss Kerrigan
Leopard	5 Eagle	Mrs Smith
Lion	5 Falcon	Mrs Donnelly/ Mrs Grove (Mrs Grove returns at half term; Mrs White Maternity cover)
Eagle	6 Comet	Miss Bond
Falcon	6 Meteor	Miss Griggs

### Changes to After School Clubs

We are extending our sports provision next year by adding Premier Sports to our existing clubs delivered by Mr Hardwick. From September all school sports running from 3-15-4.30 will be FREE of charge. Additional sporting clubs and training sessions can be booked for 4.30-5.30 at a small cost per session. Training sessions will be offered to the same year groups so that you could have 2 hours of afterschool care for a very reasonable cost. We hope this will make sporting provision accessible to all leaving the options for additional provision to those who wish to pay.

We will be sending all details of sports and music clubs before the end of term. For Year 2 pupils wishing to begin violin look out for the flyers coming out soon. For all those currently in Year 2 learning violin please do sign up for your child to continue learning in the small group lessons. They have done so well this year and it would be a shame not to let them continue. We hope all our existing violin and cello children will continue with their lessons next September.

St. Bernadette's University draws to a close now and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed their extra enrichment opportunities. They will resume again in the Spring and Summer Terms as the teachers will have much to do in the Autumn Term preparing for the Christmas performances.

### Attendance update- how well did your class do this year?

Group	% Attend	
Meteors	95.8	
Comets	96.5	
Eagle	96.5	
Falcon	97.9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Super!
Lion	97.3	
Leopard	98.1	1 <sup>st</sup> - Fantastic!
Panda	96.9	
Kangaroo	97.0	
Dolphin	97.1	
Turtle	97.4	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Well done!
Starfish	95.7	
Seahorse	96.2	
Totals	96.9	Almost hit the 97.1!

**Well done everyone- attendance is still strong and we nearly hit our record of 97.1! I know that a number of families have taken the last week of school which means the figure will drop. These holidays are unauthorised but still count towards our overall grading. Please, please do not book holidays in term time and any visits back to family abroad should not really be taken in term time.**

### CAFOD update

As we complete a year of our CAFOD project to build our African village the response has been superb. We are all overwhelmed by the children's engagement in the charity giving and the enthusiasm in which classes or groups have put forward their charity activities. We have so many different services and provisions now for the village paid for by your children's efforts. In September we will close the campaign and write again with an official summary of everything that has been bought. Meanwhile thank you for supporting your child and other children's fundraising ideas. I know the children really understand what it is to be charitable and this they can take with them in life.

### **School Uniform shop open all week Mon 8<sup>th</sup> -Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.30-9.00 in the front reception.**

We have launched our own school shop so please do ensure you place your order with us for new uniform for September. **Please do not leave it until September.**

### School Reports

Your child's school report will be sent shortly. I have had great pleasure in reading every one and I believe they do reflect your child's achievements and hard work this year.

I will send a July update to round off the term. I am sure we will have lots more news to celebrate. I look forward to seeing many families at the various sports days- weather permitting.

God bless you all.

Mrs Clewlow