



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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God bless you all

Let the Holy Spirit watch over you and keep you safe throughout the school holiday

Amen

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultations : 15th and 16th October

End of Term Diary

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| Friday 19 th July | Last day- School closes at 2.30 |
| Tuesday 3 rd September | Autumn Term School starts |

- **We start back on Tuesday 3rd September.**
- **Gates open at 8.35; Gates locked at 8.55!**
- **Children should be in full school uniform.**
- **Bring your PE kit including black plimsolls.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the school year and once again we say farewell and thank you to staff who have contributed to the life of St. Bernadette's. However long or short their stay I hope they take with them some wonderful memories. We also have some unexpected news; the well-loved Mrs Clark, our school care-taker is also leaving us. She has recently moved house and has a job closer to her new home. I know a great many of you will want to thank and wish her, so I intend to invite Mrs Clark back to the school in early September for a celebration. She leaves on the 3rd September.

This year has been quite amazing with wonderful curriculum enrichment activities throughout the year. The children are excelling at a wide range of activities and in particular our sporting achievements have been many. The year ended with the superb achievements in athletics, winning both inter-school trophy's. This year all our sports days have been blessed with good weather and I know all the children did their very best and really enjoyed the time of fun and challenge.

Reports give an indication that attainment and progress is now firmly rising with only a very small number of pupils who may be finding it difficult to make better progress. In the Autumn term new

class Teachers will make contact with parents to set expectations and targets with children. I will report in September in more detail about how standards are improving. I am very pleased with our attainment results in Foundation, Key Stage 1 and in particular the progress our children have made to achieve their Key Stage 2 results. Well done children, you have worked very hard. We celebrate our first Level 6 achievement in mathematics- congratulations to Emma Onah.

Our musical achievements this year have been stunning. With our new choir performing regularly during the year at school events. The performances at Christmas and Easter held the usual high standards while the Year 6 performance of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' was superb! Children playing instruments performed beautifully at the Milton Keynes festival.

Masses this year have been a highlight for children, staff and those parents who attended. The work of Fr, James, in carefully planning a liturgy that speaks to the children is to be congratulated. Thank you Fr. James.

We launch our 'new and improved' after school sports provision which will be free of cost to families between 3.30 and 4.30. We hope the paid clubs will be popular and therefore provide additional specialist sporting coaching that so many of your children really enjoy.

Our greatest achievement this year has been your children's involvement and drive to raise money for our CAFOD village in Africa. The genuine response from children has been heartening when we are so often surrounded by a society of greed and materialism. The most recent attempt has been from Eagle class who, by way of a sponsored silence, raised in excess of £400. They were just so committed to their cause. Very well done to all classes who, over the year, have raised £1878.50!

And finally I would like to wish all families an enjoyable school holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I hope you and your families all stay safe and I look forward to seeing the children, fully rested and bright eyed, ready for learning on Tuesday September 3rd.

My good wishes and blessings

Mrs Clewlow