



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

For the Diary see the website: and April update newsletter for full term diary.

http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar_full.htm

Attendance to end of May.

Meteors 97.6
Comets 97.5
Eagle 99.3
Falcon 96.9
Lion 96.9
Leopard 98.0
Panda 97.3
Kangaroo 97.6
Dolphin 96.5
Turtle 97.5
Starfish 98.0
Seahorse 96.2
Saplings L 95.3
Saplings B 95.8

Total for the school. (Y1-6)

97.4%

Well done

Everyone!

Especially

Eagle Class!



Value this month
Cooperation

Dear Parents and Carers,

A short and wetter than hoped for half term has flown by and we are now in to our last half term of the year. We have many events coming up so please do look at the school diary. I look forward to a vast array of sporting and celebration events during the term and trust you can support your children as much as possible.

Sports Letters

Many children are invited to attend sporting events outside of school. While this is not compulsory we obviously hope your child will want to attend. If your child is not able to attend could you please still return the slip so that the place can be offered to others. The office staff are having to ring up and check each time, often on the day of an event. Thank you.

A day at St. Bernadette's

I often wonder if parents are aware of just how much happens in the school so I thought you might like to hear about a typical week at St. Bernadette's.

- ✓ Foundation Gardening club
- ✓ Year 1 children learning about castles in preparation for their visit to Warwick Castle
- ✓ Year 2 Infant Strings having lots of fun playing together.
- ✓ Year 2 children engrossed in producing an animal fact sheet and presenting their learning to the rest of the class.
- ✓ Year 3 having great fun learning the 'Grid' method of multiplication. They explained clearly to me the 'Commutative Law' (If you're not sure what it is follow this link! <http://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/commutative-law.html>)
- ✓ Year 4 recorder club after school- fantastic confident playing after only 4 weeks of learning.
- ✓ Year 5 Enthused by maths- Tiffany was thrilled at being chosen 'mathematician of the day'

- ✓ I was fortunate enough to spend a lesson in Meteor class this week and was astounded by the quality of writing. Could you persuade the Duke of Athens that, as Lysander or Demetrius, that they are worthy to marry Hermia? What a challenging lesson and the children were so engaged in writing their arguments. Here is a snippet by Myron in Year 6. "My gracious King of Athens, I come to you to discuss my role in the marriage of the beautiful Hermia. There's no doubt that I, Lysander the man of Hermia's dreams, should marry your daughter and fill her with love and joy. An understanding father as you should realize that her choice can bring happiness and love to your family."
- ✓ At lunchtime a group of Year 6 runners went out running along the river bank.
- ✓ Year 5 and 6 Cycle Training all week. The trainers have said how brilliant the children have been.
- ✓ Aspire club working hard after school on their various learning projects.
- ✓ In the mornings a dedicated group of all ages are notching up the miles towards their marathon run. Superb commitment!

And the list could go on! Each day and week I am amazed by what your children are achieving. I would like to finish with this quote from Amelia in Panda class. When asked about her learning this week she said:
"It's great! If you don't listen in school you won't learn and if you don't learn you won't get a job!"

What a busy week! I am so thrilled to see your children learning and having fun. I wonder what next week will bring!

My good wishes and blessings

Mrs. Clewlow

Summer Term Diary 2014	
Mon 16 th June	School Closed for staff training
Tues 17 th June	Y4-6 Catholic Schools' Sports Day
Tues 17 th June and Wed 18 th June 6 pm	New Foundation children- Parent Meeting- letters to be sent to individual families. (Splitting the intake evening to keep numbers smaller.)
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th June	Assessment week Year 1-5
Tues 24 th June	Acorns- Ark Farm come to St. Bernadette's Saplings go to Woburn Safari Park
Tues 24 th June 6 pm	New Nursery intake Parents' Meeting 6pm
Mon 30 th June	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Village visit
Wed 2 nd July 6 pm	New School Meal provider Parents' information evening.
Mon 7 th July 1.30	Yr 1-3 Sports Day
Mon 7 th July 6.30	Yr 6 Leavers' Mass
Tues 8 th July	New Foundation children- Welcome Assembly 2 pm
Tues 8 th July	Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum
Thurs 10 th July	Yrs 4-6 Sports Day am Field events pm Track events
Friday 13 th June	Year 6 Group Science Museum Visit
Mon 14 th July	Final end of term reports out
Tues 15 th July 10.30	Acorns morning and Saplings B Sports Day
Tues 15 th July	Y6 Performance (TBC)
Wed 16 th July	Y6 Performance (TBC)
Wed 16 th July 2 pm	Acorns afternoon/Saplings L Sports Day
Thurs 17 th July 2.30 pm	St. Bernadette's Award- invite letters sent to families
Thurs 17 th July	Achievement Awards Evening- invite letters sent to families
Fri 18 th July	Last Day of Term - School closes at 2pm No clubs after school. After School club available from 2 pm by arrangement with Kids Play. Please contact Kids Play direct.

Building Fund

A reminder to families that we desperately require your support for the building fund each year. Not all families are contributing to this. As a Catholic School we must find **10% of any building projects** paid by government funding. This arrangement was agreed in the 1944 Education Act. We have made considerable improvements in the last few years and governors are obliged to find this 10%. In our prospectus governors have asked for a donation of £30 per child per year. (£45 per family). Please send envelopes with your child's name to the office but I will send the Diocesan request forms out again in July. Projects in the last few years and the contribution required.

- Bin store and Kitchen store for new Free School Meals service- £1,600 (New for June)
- Extension to improve office and staff facilities- £20,000
- New computers and screens- £800
- Eco Lodge-£2,300
- Canopy's outside classrooms- £2,000
- Conservatory-£1,800

As you can see this is a considerable sum and parental contributions really help us towards reaching our targets. I dearly want to build a second school hall which will cost around £200,000 and the governors' contribution for this will be £20,000. I know the Parents' Association is raising funds for this so I know you are all contributing but if you can see your way to this commitment then it is much appreciated.