



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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

**Car parking**

Please earn yourselves a **'thoughtful'**

bead and a

**'patience'**

bead!

**Can you really think about others?**



**Value this month Patience**

### Half Term Dairy- Some key dates

Parent Workshops	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> March	FS- story books
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths- multiplication
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	FS- story books
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 British Museum Visit
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2.15 pm	Panda and Lion Easter Performance
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2.15	Kangaroo and Leopard Easter Performance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and it is good to see the children bright and ready for school on Monday. We have a short half term ahead but a very busy and full one.

This Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and to add variety your children are invited to come for a big story time dressed in their bedtime pyjamas! An exciting Reading challenge is also going out to all the children. I am sure your children will really enjoy getting involved.

I am pleased that attendance seems to be maintaining a good percentage. Thank you and well done to all. We have been higher in the past with one month at 97.5 % so it would be good to beat that target again. Please remember to check term dates and plan holidays accordingly. I have put on the website the guidance from the Local Authority regarding fines but as yet I have not had to use that heavy handed approach. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

So....what can we now do about our punctuality? As with attendance here is the number of lates this month for each class (Only 3 weeks in February). I know that often it is the same families who arrive late but it is not just these children who are missing out. When a child comes into the classroom late they disrupt the flow of the lesson and this disturbs others. I have not included Foundation as parents stay to meet and greet.

### Lates from 03/2/2014- 28/2/2014

Starfish	8
Seahorse	11
Turtle	33
Dolphin	3- Well done!
Kangaroo	8
Panda	26
Leopard	20
Lion	5
Eagle	0- Well done!
Falcon	5
Comet	1- Well done!
Meteors	6

Some of these figures are very low because teachers have been generous in their cut off times. I know too many are drifting in after 8.45 when school starts.

We have some wonderful news on an exciting project that governors have recently approved. Many will be aware that we send our Year 3 pupils to the Forest School every fortnight. We now have sufficient funding to build and create our own Forest School learning area. This has been the idea and plan from Mr Collins, our teaching assistant in Nursery. He has drawn up exciting landscape plans for a pond area, woodland walk, fire pit and other exciting outdoor learning features. All children will benefit from this and work has started.

A huge thank you to Mr. Collins for showing such initiative and thanks to some careful budgeting we have been able to find the funding.

And finally, well done to all those who have attended St. Bernadette's University course last half term. The school has been really buzzing with their enthusiasm and interest.

My good wishes and blessings for Lent.

Mrs Clewlow