

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter **October** 2013 Issue No.51

Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Stbernadetteschool.com

stbernadettes@milton-keynes.gov.uk Tel: 01908 692438

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your contributions for our Harvest giving for the Milton Keynes Food Bank. They are extremely appreciative of our efforts. The Mufti on Friday to raise monies for the children of Syria raised £429.27. If you want to find out more about where the fundraising money goes then you can follow this link to the CAFOD website.

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Syria-older-refugees>

Sporting achievements

Our new sports coaches, Mr Banford and Mr Newnham have settled in well and they have had their first successes this week. Congratulations to the Badminton Team and Footballers who won their events. We said farewell to Mr Hardwick who went off to start his University course this term. The children are very thankful to Mr. Hardwick for the years of high quality sports coaching which brought us huge success. The legacy will, I hope, continue with Premier Sports coaches providing a range of sporting activities. The Government funding has enabled the school to now provide the first session of clubs free to all. Additional enrichment sports clubs are now run from 4.30- 5.30 at a cost of £5.00 a session. Your child could go to the free session prior to this club or come back to school at 4.30. This compares favourably to all specialist coaching and tuition. The children joining these sessions have said that they are really enjoyable.

	3.15-4.15	4.30-5.30
Mon	Year 3/4 Football (FREE) Keyboard (PAID)	Year 3/4 Multi- Activity (PAID)
Tue	Year 1/2 Football (FREE) Cookery-Smart Raspberry (PAID)	Year 1/2 Multi- Activity (PAID)
Wed	PE Overtime: Preparation for tournaments- invitation only. Infant Strings : 2.30-3.30 (PAID)	Dodgeball Year 3-6 (PAID)
Thur	Years 5/6 Football (FREE)	Years 5/6 Multi- Activity (PAID)
Fri	Karate (PAID)	None

Parent Questionnaires

Attached to this newsletter are the results of the July Parent questionnaires. Many thanks for your responses and the encouraging and helpful comments. I am pleased that figures do not vary too much from last year and some improvement can be found to the questions regarding behaviour. I have put last year's percentage in brackets. Actions as a result of feedback have been to develop our play areas further so that a very small number of pupils are now receiving dedicated supervision. Our new 'Play Zone' invites a small number of pupils to play under supervision with a Play Leader. I fully understand Parents concerns that they feel disruption by a minority is not fair, safe or acceptable even when these pupils have very particular needs.

We have also agreed a new school priority to link with feedback from questionnaires. We want to build a school community founded on respect and spiritual Christian foundations. We will be developing our Chaplaincy teams further and involving them in the religious life of the school.

Governor Parent Questionnaire Results July 2013

Figure in brackets show 2012 results.	Numbers are in percentages (Numbers may not add up to 100 due to rounding)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Question not answered
1	St. Bernadette's provides my child with a good spiritual and religious foundation.	65	32	0	1	2
2	My child feels safe at St. Bernadette's.	64	28	0	0	0
3	My child is making good progress at St. Bernadette's.	55	43	2	0	0
4	St. Bernadette's meets my child's particular needs.	42	54	3	0	1
5	St. Bernadette's ensures my child is well looked after.	50	50	0	0	1
6	My child is taught well at St. Bernadette's.	54	43	1	1	1
7	St. Bernadette's helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	56	43	0	0	1
8	There is a good standard of behaviour at our school.	40 (38)	54 (47)	6 (11)	0 (1)	0 (1)
9	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	35 (36)	50 (50)	7 (11)	1 (1)	7 (3)
10	St. Bernadette's deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	35	57	0	0	8
11	St. Bernadette's helps me to support my child's learning.	50	43	0	0	1
12	Staff respond well to my concerns.	51	47	0	0	2
13	The school keeps me well informed.	52	44	3	0	1

Appointments

Please may I remind you to avoid taking children out of school for appointments. Most dentists will have appointments after 3 pm. For hospital and doctors appointments please bring along your appointments card.

Lunch boxes

The office staff are having to deliver an increasing number of lunch boxes each day that have been delivered late. Please assist us by sending your child's lunch with your child in the morning.

And finally, I look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations.

God bless you all.

Mrs Clewlow

School Year September 2014 - July 2015

	Open morning of:	Closed at end of afternoon session on:	No.
Autumn term 2014	*Wednesday 3 September	Friday 24 October	38
	*Monday 3 November	Friday 19 December	35
Spring term 2015	*Monday 5 January	Friday 13 February	30
	*Monday 23 February	Friday 27 March	25
Summer term 2015	*Monday 13 April	Friday 22 May	30
	Monday 1 June	Wednesday 22 July	38
			196

*See School closures for 5 training days – below

Please note end of term day-holidays taken in the last week will not be authorised

Autumn 2014 half term break	Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October
Christmas 2014 break	Monday 22 December - Friday 2 January
Spring 2015 half term break	Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February
Spring 2015 Easter holiday break	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April
Summer 2015 half term break	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

The school holiday dates are as follows:
Schools are also closed on: Monday 4 May 2015 (Spring Bank Holiday)

For information the Easter Bank Holidays, included in the Spring 2015 Easter holiday break are:

- Friday 3 April 2015 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2015 (Easter Monday)
- The following days are also training days for staff when children will not be in school.
- Wednesday 3rd September
- Monday 3rd November
- Monday 5th January
- Monday 23rd February
- Monday 13

School Year September 2015 - July 2016

	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session on:	No.
Autumn term 2015	*Wednesday 2 September	Friday 23 October	38
	*Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December	35
Spring term 2016	*Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February	30
	Monday 22 February	Thursday 24 March	24
Summer term 2016	Monday 11 April	Friday 27 May	35
	*Monday 6 June	Thursday 21 July	34
		Total	196

*See School closures for 5 training days – below

Please note end of term day-holidays taken in the last week will not be authorised Please note that the half term holiday in May will be extended for Parents by having 2 days training closure days. This will provide an extended holiday opportunity providing the holiday is within this period. The school holiday dates are as follows:

Autumn 2015 half term break	Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October
Christmas 2015 break	Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January
Spring 2016 half term break	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February
Spring 2016 Easter holiday break	Friday 25 March - Friday 8 April
Summer 2016 half term break	Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2013

Schools are also closed on: Monday 2 May 2016 (Spring Bank Holiday)

For information the Easter Bank Holidays, included in the Spring 2015 Easter holiday break, are:

- Friday 25 March 2016 (Good Friday)
- Monday 28 March 2016 (Easter Monday)

The following days are also training days for staff when children will not be in school.

- *Wednesday 2nd September
- *Monday 2nd November
- *Monday 4th January
- *Monday 6th June
- *Tuesday 7th June

Autumn Term Diary- now also on line: All sporting clubs and music clubs are on the school diary on the website.

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

Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th October 3.30-6.15	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 th October 6.30 in the School Hall	FoSB International Evening- This is a well supported event. Come along and bring a dish of food from your homeland to share. Come and perform music if you have the talents. More information to follow from the new Parents' Association.
Monday 28 th October -Friday 1 st November	Half Term
School Closed Monday 4th November	Staff INSET
20 th November Day Time	Year 1 visit Hanson Centre
Saturday 30 th November	FoSB Christmas Fayre
Thursday 5 th December 2.p.m	Christmas Nativity Acorns afternoon Nursery + Saplings Lourdes
Friday 6 th December 9.15-10.00	Christmas Nativity Acorns morning Nursery + Saplings Bernadette's
Wednesday 11 th December 2pm	Christmas Performance Starfish and Dolphin classes
Thursday 12 th December 2 pm	Christmas Performance Seahorse and Turtle classes
Friday 13 th and Monday 16 th December	FoSB Christmas Shop
Wednesday 18 th December 9.30	Years 5/6 Carols and Readings for the Local Community
Thursday 19 th December 6 pm	Years' 5/6 Carols and Readings
Friday 20 th December 2pm onwards	Open classrooms and end of Term.