



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

Dear Parents and Carers

The new school year has started well with your children settling quickly into their new classes. Attitudes have been superb with your children really focussed upon learning new routines and rising to the challenge of their next year group. Thank you for the support you have shown your children. The school day is starting promptly with almost all children at school in good time. The temporary gate arrangements have run smoothly and I am grateful for your cooperation on this matter. Works were a week later in starting but we now have a ten week programme ahead of us.

Car parking in the mornings and evenings has become a real issue. Local residents are fed up of cars parked on the verges and roundabouts. Your cars are damaging the local community environment; verges have services underneath which cannot take the weight of heavy cars and the grass is being cut up. It isn't fair and is very unsafe for your children. We have far more parking spaces than most but it is simply that everyone wants to park within one minute of the school. If you drive around the corner there is plenty of parking on the street. The police will come out occasionally but please, I expect my families to be a little bit more considerate of the local community, show some respect and be safe.

Just a reminder to Nursery parents to park in the front car park and walk up to the top gates through the staff car park. It is for your own safety that we don't have moving cars and pedestrians together.

Parent consultations will be here shortly and for our new parents, bookings for appointments can be made via the booking sheets held by the class teacher. These will be available outside the classroom doors from Tuesday 1st October. You can visit your child's classroom and see their books before or after your appointment. This first consultation will allow you to meet the class teacher, ask questions and also the teacher will provide your child with some targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In the meantime please support your child with daily reading and time for them to complete any home learning activities.

Holiday Dates Please make a note of all holiday dates as leave of absence for holidays will be unauthorised. Holiday dates for 2014-15 are awaiting approval at the first Governing Body meeting and these will be available shortly. The dates will be as on the MK website and governors will agree the additional training closure days. Please note in advance that school will not close until Wednesday 22nd July in 2015. Please **DO NOT** book holidays in that last week just because we have a three day return to school.

The International Evening has been brought forward to October as November tends to merge rapidly into Christmas. Please do join the Friends of St. Bernadette to make the event successful. If you are new to the school please come along. It is a great way to meet others and enjoy the wonderful array of food on offer.

Could the owner of the car with registration number PX06 JOU please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Clewlow.

My good wishes and blessings.

Mrs clewlow

AutumnTerm Diary

Thursday 26 th September	Year 6 Parents Meeting Alton Castle
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Mufti Day- Monies in aid of the children of Syria
Monday 7 th October	School photographs
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 Friends.
Monday 28 th October -Friday 1 st November	Half Term
School Closed Monday 4th November	Staff INSET
Saturday 30 th November	FoSB Christmas Fayre
Thursday 5 th December 2.pm	Christmas Nativity Acorns afternoon Nursery + Saplings Lourdes
Friday 6 th December 9.15-10.00	Christmas Nativity Acorns morning Nursery + Saplings Bernadette's
Mon 9 th – 11 th Dec	Year 6 Trip to Alton Castle
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.