

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A sunny welcome back to school and we now look forward to an active Summer Term. How lovely to begin our term with St. Bernadette's Feast Day celebrations. Thank you to those Parents who joined us for the morning. I hope you enjoyed the activities and now understand a little more about St. Bernadette and her relevance to our school mission. The afternoon was particularly prayerful with all the classes bringing their value gifts to set before Fr. Paul who then blessed our school and prayed to St. Bernadette. Each class created a large school logo and collectively they looked magnificent. A letter was received from the designer of the logo and this was also shared with all the children, it made the day all the more special. See below.

Dear Mrs Clewlow,

My name is Ian Hoare and I live in South Africa. I am 83 years old now, but 11 years ago I was asked to design a logo for a new Catholic primary school that was being built in Milton Keynes. My grandchildren were going to attend the school and I was honoured to be able to be involved in such a special way, even though I lived on the other side of the world. This is even more appropriate, when so many of you come from countries all around the world.

We knew the school was going to be called St Bernadette's, so I thought a lot about her and about the miraculous events that took place in Lourdes. It was very clear that Our Lady and the rosary should appear in the symbolism. We also wanted a logo that would be easy to understand and easy for children to draw. Because the school is a Catholic school, I put Jesus at the centre of the design. In the middle is a bright golden cross. The shape of the cross, with the curved arms, is a French design, because St Bernadette was French. Behind the cross are three colours dividing the circle into equal segments. This symbolises the Trinity, because God is the base of all we do. The blue colours were chosen because they are colours traditionally associated with Our Lady. The Claret was chosen as a contrast colour, but also being a blood red colour represents the blood of Jesus. Surrounding the whole design is a Rosary - and yes, we DID struggle to fit all the beads in!! Mary gave St Bernadette special instructions about praying the Rosary and it was important that this had a prominent place surrounding the design.

A lot of thought and prayer went into the creation of your school logo and I am always grateful to hear that as a school you pray together so often. I pray for you too and for my grandchildren who are still in the school!

God bless and I will be praying for you specially today on St Bernadette's Feast Day and this year as you celebrate the first decade of being a school.

Ian Ogilvie Hoare
Port Alfred, South Africa.

Before and After School Club

This has transferred smoothly and I congratulate the children for their superb behaviour and mature attitude when having to cope with this change. The sessions have been calm and fun with a good balance of outdoor activities and some home learning time. Feedback from the children is really positive. Thanks to Parents also for prompt pickups. It makes such a difference to be able to finish on time and let staff home to their families.


If you do require emergency child care you can ring on the day to see if we have places. Cost for the session is £4 for the morning or £10 for after school. We may not be able to provide an evening meal as these are prepared in advance.

For this newsletter I am limiting news but getting the term dates to you as promptly as possible. It is a busy term so please make a note of all the events and put them in your diary. The term ends on Wednesday 22nd July in Milton Keynes this year. It does mean that we can spread the events out over the last two weeks so please make sure your children are in school.

Good wishes and blessings to you all.

Mrs Clewlow

School Diary for the Summer Term

Thursday 23 rd April	Class photos.
Saturday 25 th April 10 am	EduMK- Ghanaian Parents group- Question and answer session
Wednesday 29 th April 2:50 pm	Leopard Class collective worship in the Chapel - Parents welcome
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday- School Closed
Tuesday 5 th May	Parks Trust visit for Saplings
Friday 8 th May	VE Day celebrations in school. There will be more information to follow.
Mon-11 th -Thursday 14 th	SATs week for Year 6 pupils
Saturday 16 th May 12-3 pm	May Fair- our usual successful event which will be packed full of super activities and fun for your children.
Wednesday 20 th May 2pm	Years 4-6 House Fun Run- Parents welcome to run with their children. Can you beat your record?
Friday 22 nd May	Year 2 'Nite Owls'- Real owls are brought to the school.
Friday 22 nd May 2pm	Years FS-3 6 House Fun Run- Parents welcome to run with their children. Can you beat your record? (The Nursery will join in with a smaller event TBC)
Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 15 th June	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 16 th June 9 am	Mass for First Holy Communion children
Tuesday 16 th June 6 pm	Parents evening for new Foundation children- Parents only meeting for our existing Acorns Parents whose children have a place for September 2015
Wednesday 17 th June 6 pm	Parents evening for new Foundation children- Parents only meeting for Parents whose children have a place for September 2015 (Not Acorns)
Wednesday 17 th June	Kangaroo Class collective worship in the Chapel - Parents welcome .
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 4 visit to the British Museum Year 6 visit to the Science Museum
Tuesday 23 rd June	Ark Farm visits the Acorns Nursery Catholic Schools' Sports Day Saplings' visit to Woburn Safari Park
Thursday 25 th June	Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle
Friday 26 th June	 Speech Cup Competition (More information to follow)
Tuesday 30 th June	Parks Trust Saplings' visit Year 5 visit an Anglo Saxon village
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 2 visit Roald Dahl Museum
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition Day- Classes move up the school to meet their new teachers.
Wednesday 8 th July 6 pm	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Monday 13 th July 10 am	New Foundation children- Welcome Assembly. All new children and Parents invited.
Monday 13 th July 1.30	Years 1-3 Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 6 pm and Thursday 16 th July 9.30	Year 6 Performance
Friday 17 th July	Years 4-6 Sports Day (am Field events; pm Track) Leavers Party Time TBC
Monday 20 th July 10 am	Saplings B and am Acorns Sports Day
Monday 21 st July 2 pm	St. Bernadette Award. Those achieving this award will be notified by letter.
Tuesday 22 nd July 2 pm	Saplings L and Acorns pm Sports Day
Tuesday 22 nd July 6 pm	Achievement Awards. Those achieving this award will be notified by letter.
Please note term ends on <u>Wednesday 22nd July</u> Holidays will not be authorised in this week.	