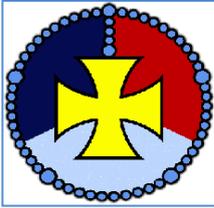


St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Value this month is





Advent is a time of refection in preparation for Christmas

Starting school in Sept 2016?

Friday 15th January is the closing date for the applications. (Even if your child is in our Nursery)

Apply on line and don't forget Supplement ary Forms from the School Office if you wish practice of religion to be considered.

These must also be returned by January 15th to the school office.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the term with the final Christmas activities and celebrations to come. I know many of you will have enjoyed seeing your children act, sing and dance as they shared the Christmas story with our community. I know how much I enjoyed seeing your children perform and sing so confidently. We still have the Carols and Readings where our Year 5 and 6 children will also demonstrate their fine musical talents in praise of the birth of Jesus.

International Evening

A fabulous turnout for an evening of food and fun. I think we had even more countries represented this year and, my goodness, the food was just wonderful! Thanks to the cooks for preparing and generously giving.

Christmas Fair

Again, a wonderful turn out by families and the local community. Thank you. I hope families enjoyed the event and in so doing we are well on the way to providing our Diocesan contribution for the new small hall. I am sure you will all agree that the event was a great success and thanks must go to a very small number of parents and carers who put it all together. Please do think about joining the group of helpers for our many events that go on during the year. Thank you all so much.

Buildings Update

The new small hall is really taking shape now. We are on track to finish late January/early February, hopefully in time for Lent. I look forward to opening our 'door' for the year of Mercy into our new chapel and hall. We do need to contribute 10% of the costs so thank you for all your contributions to date.

School Trips

Year 3 enjoyed a fun day to Cadbury's World. This will support and enrich their learning for their 'Chocolate' topic.

Year 6 spent the day at the Cecil Higgins Museum in Bedford. They learnt about the Victorians, saw the Victorian house and some children had the opportunity to dress in Victorian clothes.

We continue to have visits to the Metro Bank in Year 5 and thanks to our continuing relationship with Gazeley, we have been able to take groups of children to see the new industrial sheds being developed near the M1. All these opportunities provide your children with an understanding of the world of work and life outside of the school.

Charitable giving this Christmas

At a time when we might have plenty, we continue to be the drop off points for Food Bank and our charity this term, the Homeless of MK. Thank you for the gifts that are beginning to arrive for the 'Giving Tree' and if you haven't taken a tag yet then please do try to do so before the end of term. Just take a tag, buy the gift, wrap and return. Place under the tree but we will move them inside the school throughout the day.



And finally may I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas. I hope you can discover the Joy of the God's gift to us all. Look beyond the crackers, turkey and presents and take a moment to pray for peace, love and joy in our world.

God bless you all this Christmas.

Mrs Clewlow

School closes 2.30 Friday 18th December

**Start of Term
Tuesday 5th January**

