

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





Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Dear Parents and Carers,

January has flown by and thankfully the winter has not been too harsh for us all. Children in many classes have continued to enjoy the extracurricular activities that are now enriching the curriculum throughout the year. Trips to Magna Park, sporting activities and Trust Park walks have been most successful. I see such a difference when the children return and can talk and express their experiences. They take these experiences into their learning and particularly their writing. Key Stage 2 children were thrilled by a Mad Science assembly this week where they learnt about how to protect our water system. It was inspiring.

Last week the school council group of children hosted other school councils from our family of Catholic schools. The schools are all working together to plan events and challenges to raise money for the Henry Allen appeal. The school councils have decided to organise a Fun Run in the summer to be held at St. Paul's. It is wonderful to see children from our family of schools working collaboratively together.

Sports Reports

Year 5 and 6 had a superb win at football in their league. 4-2 against Tattenhoe with some superb goals.

Year 3 and 4 Badminton team came 4th on their very first attempt at the sport. Well done to all and keep it up.



Lunch times

So many of the younger children still find it difficult to cut up food. They hold a knife and fork almost as if they have never used one before. Whilst I appreciate that it is easy to provide forked food please do give opportunities for your children to learn how to cut using a knife and fork.

Mon1st-Fri 5 th February	Arts Week in school- various art activities.
Thursday 4 th February	Year 5 trip to Duxford Museum
Wed 10 th February	Ash Wednesday Service 2 pm
Monday 15 th February-Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Ash Wednesday Service (not a mass) 2pm	All welcome
Friday 26 th February	Opening the Door of Mercy
Wed 2 nd March 2:50	Year 3 Kangaroo Collective Worship
Week beg 7 th March	Happy Chicks in Foundation
Monday 14 th March	New value-cooperation
Tues 22 nd March 2pm	Kangaroo and Leopard Easter Reflection
Wed 23 rd March 2pm	Panda and Lion Easter Reflection
Wed 23 rd March 6 pm	Sex and Relationships Education Parent Information Evening
Thursday 24 ^h March	Last Day of Term.

Prayers for Lent

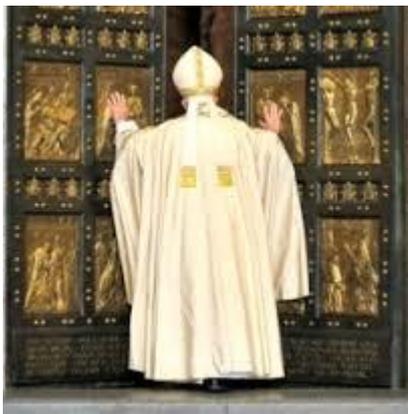
New School Small Hall

You will have noticed that the new hall is almost finished. We have a handover in early February and I am certainly looking forward to seeing our children make use of the additional space. After school club will have the opportunity to use the hall for the first hour enabling them to go in and out to use the outdoor facilities. They will then transfer to the main hall as normal for the remainder of the session to have their meal. Once we have the hall I will make an opportunity for parents to view the new space. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the building site arrangements.

Our Ash Wednesday service welcomes parents and carers of all year groups at 2 pm on Wednesday 10th February.

The Holy Door

The beginning of the Jubilee Year is always solemnly marked by the opening of a Holy Door by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. However, for this Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis also wanted a Door of Mercy in each diocese so that everyone throughout the world may be able to celebrate the Jubilee. In Lourdes, this door is at Saint Michael's gate entrance to the Sanctuary.



Our school 'Door of Mercy' will be officially opened on Friday 26th February. Children will process through a decorated door into the chapel and out through the new hall. We invite families to do the same at the end of the day on the Friday



The Glory Be: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. [Verse]

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. [Response]

And you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Stations of the Cross beginning after the opening of the door on Tuesday at 8:15 in the Chapel. Come along for a prayer contemplation of the story of the passion.

Watch out for our Community

Matters newsletter which explain all the Chaplaincy events in more detail.