



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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[keynes.gov.uk](http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar_full.htm)

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Wednesday 8 th July	Transition Day- Classes move up the school to meet their new teachers. Details of classes will be sent out later this month.
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
Tuesday 14 th July 4.30	Memorial Service for Riley- Parents and children welcome (School Hall)
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 20 th July 2 pm	St. Bernadette Award. Those achieving this award have been notified by letter.
Tuesday 21 st July 2 pm	Saplings L and Acorns pm Sports Day
Tuesday 21 st July 6 pm	Achievement Awards. Those achieving this award have been notified by letter.
<u>Please note term ends on Wednesday 22nd July at 2.30 pm (Not 2 pm as previous year)</u>	
Holidays will not be authorised in this week.	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we are approaching the end of term the diary still looks very full! We have sports days to look forward to and I only hope that the temperatures of this week subside. Your children have managed very well and have sensibly sought shade in the hottest time of the day. Please ensure water bottles are taken home each evening for cleaning and replenishing.

Speech Cup

Last week saw our first Speech Cup competition which was won by Emily Russell for Years R-2 and Nigel Reese for Years 3-6. The winners of each class presented their speeches or poems in front of the whole school, Parents and Governors. It was marvellous and the standard surprised us all. I feel assured that this will become a regular event in the future. Well done to all those who took part.

Sporting Achievements

St. Monica's School just pipped us to the winning position at the Catholic Sports Day. I believe it was so very close with only a few points between the schools. Congratulations and well done to all those that took part. We have more sports stars entering for the Stantonbury Finals on Saturday 4th July. Good luck to all those taking part.

Musical Achievements

Last week we had our first Summer Musical Concert. All those playing instruments or in the Choir performed. I was very frustrated that I was unwell and couldn't attend. I understand that the children

performed superbly. Well done to all and I am sure Parents were exceedingly proud of their children.

Visits and Enriched Curriculum

This month is always the busiest as we try to make the most of the good weather. There have been numerous excursions ranging from visits to London museums, Woburn Safari Park and Warwick Castle. We have had around 60 children participating in Bikeability, preparing them for safe riding on the roads. There have been Owls flying in the hall and the mini farm animals delighted the Acorns children. Each week the Year 4 children have been swimming. Saplings children have once again visited the Parks Trust and our Year 3 continues to visit the Forest Centre. I am sure I have missed a few but it gives you a flavour of what goes on across the whole school. All these additional activities enrich your child's experience at school so that when they come to discuss or write they have meaningful experiences to call upon. Over the long summer holidays think about trying to incorporate visits and experiences so that your children broaden their knowledge and understanding. These do not always have to be expensive. A trip to the park or walk along the river bank. Milton Keynes has lots of holiday activities for the summer.

<http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/What-to-do/Family-Fun>

http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/milton_keynes

And this link is to the Primary Times which provides a free newspaper that we have in school the website also has some information about summer holiday events.

<http://www.primarytimes.net/buckinghamshire/>

School Meals

Do remember to put in your orders at the end of term for September. Essence Catering need to order their meals in advance and the school is closed during the Summer. For those children in Year 2 please remember that meals are no longer free from Year 3 onwards. If you wish to take up the meal option you will need to provide payment to Essence Catering.

Memorial Service

Riley's funeral took place earlier this week for family, friends and school representatives. I know that Mr and Mrs Ferguson would like to have a service to remember Riley where Parents and children from St. Bernadette's can come together to offer condolences, celebrate Riley's life and provide support for the family. I would like to invite you to attend on Tuesday 14th July at 4.30 in the main hall. It will be an opportunity to quietly and peacefully say goodbye. For those anxious about how young children will react please be assured that the service, whilst will be very sad, it will also be reflective, peaceful and joyful in the knowledge that Riley is now with the Lord. Attached to the newsletter is a simple flower template for you to complete if you wish to. Please follow the instructions and return to school; these will be used at the service. To help us prepare for the service please could you indicate if you intend to come along and complete the reply slip below and return by Wednesday 8th July.

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Memorial Service Tuesday July 14th at 4:30 pm in School Hall

Family Name _____

Number of seats required _____

Depending upon how many people wish to come we may not be able to allocate chairs for everyone.