

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I reach the end of my first term as Headteacher, I am delighted to share with you the many achievements of our children over the last few weeks.

The children (and many parents) competed admirably in the school sports day with Gave proving the overall champions. School records were beaten by Olly (Y5 Long Jump), Angela (Y4 Long Jump), Melanie (Y6 Triple Jump), Sandra (Y4 Sack Race), and Sophie (Y6 Sack Race)

Our children who attended the Milton Keynes athletics finals at Stantonbury demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship. I am proud to share with you that St Bernadette's has the fastest senior boys and fastest senior girls relay teams in all of Milton Keynes!



Our football Y5/6 team has also much to celebrate; they have finished top of the league. Congratulations to them! A summary of our sporting year can be found on our website:

<http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/SportsNews.htm>

The Speech Cup Finals were a privilege to hear and each year the competition seems to get stiffer. Our winners this year are: FS1: Rhys and Eliana, FS2/KS1: George (FS2), KS2: Alyssa (Y5)

The Summer Concert was a joyful occasion and it was lovely to hear the children progressing in their skills playing both violin and cello.

Our Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday night and it was a pleasure to celebrate the wonderful achievement and progress across our school. The athlete and young entrepreneur, Daniel Oderinde, delivered an inspiring speech to the children and families and later commented to me on how overwhelmed he felt by the many talents and skills he observed in our pupils.

Yesterday, our St Bernadette Award Ceremony took place and the school ambassadors were announced for the next academic year. They have been nominated by their teachers for consistently living our school mission and providing an exemplary role model to others. This is a marvellous achievement; I congratulate our new ambassadors and thank the current ambassadors for the example they have provided over this school year. School ambassadors can be spotted by their distinctive blue ties.

I would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for your ongoing support; I feel truly blessed to lead our wonderful school and be part of such a supportive community. I wish you all a restful holiday full of fun and God's blessings.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Jane Zamora



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Uniform and Presentation

I would like to remind you that shaved patterns or lines in the children's hair, colourful hair extensions and colourful weaves will not be permitted. Please make use of the summer holidays to be as creative as you wish, allowing time for patterns/lines to grow out and colourful weaves/extensions to be removed before returning to school. I also remind you that nail polish, oversized hair bows and earrings other than simple studs are not permitted. I thank you for your support with these matters.

End of Year Reports

Thank you to all parents/carers who provided feedback on their child's end of year report. I was delighted to receive so many positive responses and am pleased that you have found the reports particularly informative this year.

I encourage you to respond to the online survey available through the School Gateway from today, as your opinions help to shape the future of the school.

Moving On

Our prayers and best wishes go with Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage in their school careers. They have had a wonderful end to their time at St Bernadette's with a Mass, a party and a talent-packed, thoroughly entertaining musical production. They will always be part of our school community, as will the members of staff who are leaving us at the end of term. They have all been "St Bernadettes" and just as they take a piece of us with them, they also leave a piece of themselves with us.

We also wish Miss Ford the very best for her wedding day over the holidays. Please remember she will be *Mrs Romans* on her return.

Living our mission in mind, body and spirit

We have consulted all staff, parents and pupils in drawing up our new Behaviour Policy which we will launch in September. Thank you to all parents who contributed their views. These were all taken into consideration when developing our strategies to promote exemplary behaviour across the school. You can access the new Behaviour and Discipline Policy via the school website: <http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/documents/BehaviourandDisciplinePolicyJuly2017.pdf>

How Can You Support Our School?

Our Parents' Association is a wonderful, yet very small group of adults who work together to provide special experiences for all pupils whilst fundraising for the school at the same time. It is thanks to the Parents' Association that we are able to celebrate such fun filled events as the Christmas and May fairs and the International Evening. In the current financial climate, fundraising is becoming vital to the school, however, the Parents' Association is such a small group that they are struggling to continue this invaluable service. Our whole school community would benefit from a larger, enthusiastic, committed group and I urge you to consider joining the Parents' Association. The more people that join, the lighter the load for each individual. Grandparents, neighbours and friends - all adults are welcome. Please contact the School Office initially to express interest: stbernadettes@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Events for Advent Term 2017

Friday 21 st July	End of the school year - school closes 2:15 for FS and KS1 pupils 2:30 for KS2 pupils. There will be no afterschool Care Club on this day.
Summer Holidays	
Tuesday 5 th September	School Office open for uniform collections
Wednesday 6 th September	<u>Autumn (advent) Term Starts</u> Gates open 8:35 for morning entry into classrooms for Years 2-6 Year 1 Line up at 8:40 Year R: Come into the classrooms with your child at 8:45 Nursery opens 8:45
Monday 11 th September	Meet the Teacher Meetings for Y2 and Y4. Choose to come at either 3:30 pm or at 5:30 pm
Tuesday 12 th September	Meet the Teacher Meetings for Y1, Y3 and Y5. Choose to come at either 3:30 pm or at 5:30 pm
Wednesday 13 th September	New School Year Mass with Y3-Y6 pupils 2:00 pm in the school hall. Parents and community welcome
Thursday 14 th September	Meet the Teacher Meetings for Y6. Choose to come at either 3:30 pm or at 5:30 pm
Monday 25 th September	Harvest Collection Week - please send in dried and long-life food packages to donate to the MK Foodbank
Wednesday 4 th October	2:50 Y6 Meteor Class Collective Worship in the Small Hall/Chapel
Thursday 5 th October	3:30 Phonics Workshop for Parents
Friday 6 th October	2:45 KS2 Harvest Collective Worship - parents and community are welcome
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual and Family photographs
Wednesday 11 th October	2:50 Y5 Falcon Class Collective Worship in the Small Hall/Chapel
Wednesday 18 th October	2:50 Y4 Lion Class Collective Worship in the Small Hall/Chapel
Friday 20 th October	Half Term Holiday

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