



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter June 2016 Issue No.90

### Diary for the Pentecost Term

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Catholic Schools' Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2 pm	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass- for all families whose children have made/or are making First Holy Communion this year.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 6pm	New Parents meeting- Acorns starting school in September 2016
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 6 pm	New Parents meeting- new to the school- starting school in September 2016
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Stantonbury Sports- District Sports
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 6 pm	New to the Nursery- Parent Information evening
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2:15	Mass for The Feast of St. Peter and Paul
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 9:00 KS1/KS2 2 pm KS2	Speech Cup Finals
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning- children move up to their new classes for September. Parents of Year 1 are invited for a transition coffee afternoon to meet the Year 1 teachers and support staff.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 10 am	Welcome Assembly for new children starting Reception in September 2016
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 1:45	Year 1-3 Sports Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 and 6 pm	Year 6 Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 4-6 Sports Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10 am	Saplings B and morning Acorns Sports Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 6 pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2 pm	Saplings L and Acorns pm Sports Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 6 pm	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2 pm	St. Bernadette Award- by nomination
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 6 pm	Achievement Awards - by nomination
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of term- KS1 close at 2:15 and KS2 close at 2:30 (This should avoid the traffic jam that we had last term.) (Nursery close 2:30)



### Keeping In Touch With St Paul's Catholic School

We've been working hard at St Paul's to help you stay up to date with news and events at your local Catholic secondary school.

This year we launched our new website and we'd love you to take a look [www.st-pauls.org.uk](http://www.st-pauls.org.uk). It has a number of features designed to help you navigate around the site so that you can find the information you need quickly and easily.

On the homepage there are quick links to important information such as term dates and exam results. There is a prominent news section so that you can find out about the many exciting things that happen at the school.

The website also contains a useful calendar which you can search by month and/or by type of activity so you can always know when a parent information evening, trip or other school event is happening.

On each page of the website you can also link straight through to our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmk/>) and Twitter ([https://twitter.com/stpauls\\_mk](https://twitter.com/stpauls_mk)) pages if you would like to start following us on social media. It's a great way to keep in touch and we hope to see you joining the social media conversation.

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Milton Keynes Council



St Bernadette's Speech Cup

The ability to speak confidently and articulately, particularly in front of others, is a vital skill for success in today's society and we want to support our children as much as possible in acquiring the skills of public speaking.

The Speech Cup Final will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> July (a mini final will take place for nursery pupils on 29<sup>th</sup> June)

Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to recite a poem of their choice. Key Stage 2 pupils are expected to prepare a speech of no longer than 5 minutes on a topic of their choice. They are welcome to use props or PowerPoint presentations etc to support their delivery, although reading directly from screens or using scripts is discouraged.

Heats will take place in classes shortly after half term and staff and pupils will vote for the best poem or speech to go through to the finals to represent their class.

The children will be judged on:

- Speaking in a clear voice
- A clear structure to the speech/poetry recital
- Use of effective vocabulary
- Use of eye contact with the audience
- Use of facial expressions and gestures
- Clarity of communication
- Engagement with the audience.



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Please note that whilst a small amount of time will be provided in lessons to allow pupils to practise, the majority of preparation time must take place at home. This half term holiday is the ideal time to get started!



## Attendance

Group	% Attend
Meteors <b>2nd</b>	98.0
Comets <b>3rd</b>	97.9
Eagle	95.8
Falcon	97.8
Lion	97.1
Leopard	96.9
Panda <b>1st</b>	98.2
Kangaroo	97.4
Dolphin	96.5
Turtle	96.8
Starfish	96.0
Seahorse	96.7
Saplings B	95.3
Saplings L	95.0
Totals	96.8

Unfortunately this is the lowest attendance has been in a number of years. Congratulations to Year 6 who have superb attendance and this will show in their overall achievement outcomes later in the year. Holiday and leave of absence requests have increased considerably. Let's see if we can end the year a little higher. I do not expect any more holiday requests especially after putting the two INSET days onto this half term to give you a longer block of time. I know many of you are taking advantage of the additional two days for a holiday and saved money. This has proved successful and we will look at doing this again in the 2018 term dates. The way the days fall in 2016-17 it was not possible to place the training days around the June half term.

And finally may I wish you all a very peaceful and happy half term holiday. Stay safe and enjoy the break.

God bless,

Mrs Clewlow