



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Mondays in March	<b>Stations of the Cross in the Chapel 8.15</b>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day- Uniform as normal- no dressing up this year.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bring your favourite book.</li> <li>✓ Meet the visiting author.</li> <li>✓ Lots of book activities throughout the day.</li> </ul>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Rainbow Day- come dressed in any colour. Bring a £1 in aid of Henry Allen Appeal</b> 
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Photographers in- class groups</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Eagle Class collective worship in the chapel- parents welcome</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2 pm	<b>Kangaroo and Leopard Easter performance</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2 pm	<b>Panda and Lion Easter performance</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30- 12.0	<b>School choir singing at Christ the Cornerstone. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy the event. Our children will be travelling from the school by coach but Parents will need to make their own way there.</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Last day-Early collection 2.30- open classrooms</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Summer Term Starts</b>

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break. We have a short run up to Easter with some more reflective activities for you and your children to get involved with to help you through Lent. Please make use of our quiet reflections with the Stations of the Cross each week on Monday morning in the Chapel. The children celebrated with Fr Paul in our Lenten Mass and Penitential Service, and showed great respect and humility when contemplating their wrong doings. Becoming responsible for one's actions and offering forgiveness are difficult concepts for children to understand but in this service they showed such maturity in their thoughts and words.

Curriculum 'Wows' in February have been thoroughly enjoyed by our children. Year 5's super trip to Duxford provided a wonderful aviation experience- they were particularly thrilled to step onto Concorde. Year 3 visited the Jewish Synagogue and enjoyed the welcome extended to us by our local Jewish community. Year 3s also visited Bletchley Park, a regular visit now and a superb learning experience. I would recommend a weekend visit for families as this local museum is of national significance. And, Year 4 children visited the Anglo Saxon village although snow perhaps chilled the experience a little.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you for a full turn out for the Parent Consultations. I know teachers found discussions helpful and always appreciate working in partnership to support your children's learning.

### A message from the Governors

Governors gathered at their Spring Term meeting and received reports from the school. They wished to pass on their congratulations to parents on the continued support and partnership. Governors were thrilled with the attendance figures that reached 98.1% in January. They acknowledge that this is marvellous and wish to thank Parents for your continued support with our drive to improve attendance.

### Nursery Admissions for September 2015

Closing date for admissions for the Nursery in September 2015 is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please ask in the school office for application forms. We provide a 15 hour funded nursery place, either for five mornings of five afternoon sessions.

## Before and After School Club

Transition of the care club from Kidsplay to the school is going smoothly and we will be writing shortly with information of payment systems. I shall be meeting with the children this term to talk to them about how the new club arrangements will work and try to involve them in planning for their activities. We have already ordered lots of exciting games and toys in response to the questionnaire that your children completed. Thank you.

## Sporting news

**Girls Football team. 25<sup>th</sup> February, This was the girl's first game of football. They showed excellent team spirit and determination unfortunately they lost 5-0 to Giles Brook and 1-0 to Priory Rise. It was their first game- great effort!**



**Boys Football team. 11<sup>th</sup> February. This was the boy's last 2 games which they managed to win 4-0 against Barleyhurst Park and 1-0 against Cedars. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 just missing out on a place in the finals, well done boys.**



**Dodgeball 10<sup>th</sup> February - great performance from all involved showing great team work. Special mention for Cameron Cook who was star performer.**

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**And thank you to the Cooperative supermarket for providing sponsorship for the sports kit. The teams look dazzling!**

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## Labels

Please, please could you ensure coats, jumpers, equipment and musical instruments are all labelled with your child's name. It is really difficult to hunt the school for missing jumpers when the item has no name in it.

## Medical appointments

Please ask your GPs and Dentists for appointments outside of school hours if at all possible. While it is understood that emergencies may have to be during the school day, regular 6 monthly checks should be organised for the holiday times. If you need to take children out please bring an appointment card or letter from the hospital.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please could you collect these vouchers and return to school.

## Chicks

Once again we welcome a new batch of eggs to our Foundation Stage classroom. Over the next few weeks the children will see the eggs hatching into chicks. A real 'wow' for the children and us grownups!

Value this month is

**Forgiveness**

**A Lenten Prayer**

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus **Christ** our Savior as a model  
of humility.

He fulfilled Your **Will** by  
becoming **Man**

And giving His **life** on the Cross.

Help us to bear **witness** to You  
By following His example of  
suffering

And make us worthy to share in His  
Resurrection.

We ask this through  
our **Lord Jesus** Christ, Your Son.

**Amen**

