



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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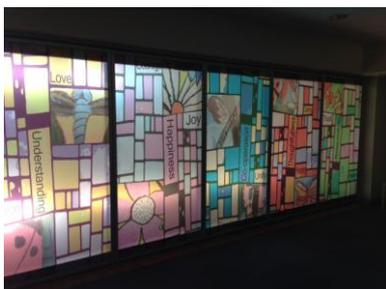
## Newsletter March 2016 Issue No.86

### Value this month is **Cooperation**



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break. We now 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. We are delighted to have opened our chapel and new small hall with the most wonderful procession through the Holy Door of Mercy. I hope most of you will have had the opportunity to see the hall when attending our gallery week. I am sure you will agree that the whole project has worked out very well and St. Bernadette's should thoroughly enjoy the enhanced space. Stations of the Cross have started so please join us at 8:15 for a moment to reflect and bring a moment of reflection into your lives.

#### School Gateway

You will have received a letter on Friday explaining our new communication IT system called School Gateway. With so many activities going on in school it has become necessary to provide a single Smartphone solution to booking and payments rather than operating with a variety of service providers. Please follow the login procedures to register. All our newsletters, booking for clubs, uniform purchases and parents evening will all be form this one Gateway app. We hope it will improve and modernise our booking and payment systems. Please note that **Agora** and **Parent Mail** will no longer be available.

If you are booking dinners you will still need to put orders in the red post box in the Foyer.

#### Gallery Week

Thank you for coming to look at your child's art from their Arts week. It was a real pleasure to see your child showing you their pictures/artwork. They were so very proud and somehow putting pictures on show made it all the more special. Thank you to Mrs Molloy for organising the Arts week and then the showcase Gallery.

#### National Book Week

This year we tackled this event slightly differently by inviting a very famous author, Dan Freedman, to visit the school. Some children thoroughly enjoyed a workshop and the Key Stage 2 children were then treated to a riveting question and answer session. I think many were really inspired by his story and may take up the challenges he shared in his talk. Younger children enjoyed the School Library service visit with super story reading.

#### Exciting News

### National Support School

designated by



### National College for Teaching & Leadership

I am delighted to announce that St. Bernadette's is now a National Support School and I have been accredited as a National Leader of Education. This award recognises the good collaborative work staff have provided and the school to school support that I have been undertaking for some years. The school has some outstanding practice and we are very proud that skills are now recognised.



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### Nursery Admissions for September 2016

If your child is born between 01/09/12 and 31/08/13 and you are looking for a Nursery place please remember that the closing date for admissions for our Nursery is Tuesday 29th<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 or five afternoon sessions.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please could you collect these vouchers and send to school.

### Car Parking

You will see that the car park and surrounding roads have been painted with double yellow lines. The council have taken this step because so many of you park inappropriately. Roads only five minutes walk away are always free, around the Green and further towards the main road. I urge you to park further away and walk the last short distance. It will also do your children a lot of good to get the additional exercise and experience of walking on the pavements to and from school. I am constantly urged by local residents for cooperation and respect for their neighbourhood. I appeal to you all, living this month's value, for your cooperation.

### Sporting News

Girl played two football matches this month, drawing both. Well done girls.

Boys played last week and won 3-0. Congratulations to Harry Guess who scored two of the goals.

### 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.

Week beg 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Happy Chicks in Foundation
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30 and 2 pm	Nursery Open days - if you are thinking of applying for your child to come to the Nursery in September 2016 then come along and see the Nursery in action.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 5:30	Year 6 SATs Parent Evening
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	New value-cooperation
Tuesdays 8:15 in the Chapel.	Stations of the Cross led by the Chaplaincy Team
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2pm	Kangaroo and Leopard Easter Reflection
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2pm	Panda and Lion Easter Reflection
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 6 pm	Sex and Relationships Education Parent Information Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>h</sup> March	Last Day of Term.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term

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