



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter March Update 2017 Issue No.100

### Diary for the Lent Term

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2 pm	Lent Passion Mass for Years 3-6, Parents welcome.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day School Closes: Key Stage 1- 2:15 and Key Stage 2- 2:30 (And Nursery) No After School Club
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Pentecost Term begins



### Easter blessings

and may the risen Lord fill you with joy.

Let the water of new life replenish you,

Strengthen you and give you courage.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I find myself writing my last newsletter to you all. This is my last week and I am nervous of these last few days as saying goodbye is so very difficult. I have had the most wonderful experience here at St. Bernadette's and working with staff, children and families has been a real joy. It has been such a privilege to have been part of the growth of this new school and I will always keep a special place in my heart for St. Bernadette's. Your children are a delight and I hope to be able to speak with every child on my last day at my 'all day disco' and pass on my good wishes and blessings for their future. I trust that they will continue to thrive and be challenged to do their very best with their God-given talents. I pray to St. Bernadette that they she will watch over and walk with them in their journey through life.

I look forward to seeing those of you who can attend my celebration mass on Wednesday. It is fitting that God should have a part in this farewell and I will pray that he will watch over and bless this school.

God bless

Mrs Clewlow



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### Sporting for Schools

Thank you to all those who supported the 'Sports for Schools' day. The Olympic Athlete was amazing and the children were inspired by his words in the assembly. Alistair Patrick-Heselton has an amazing story in which a life-changing car accident left him in a coma for two months. He had previously been a professional footballer and he thought his dreams and hopes were lost forever. Through his hard work and perseverance he battled to regain his health and fitness. He now plays football, competing in the cerebral palsy and brain injury sufferers' category. He has won medals and competed in the 2012 Paralympics. The children enjoyed participating in the sport but most of all they learnt so much from his story. The monies raised have provided £600 worth of sports equipment vouchers. Thank you.

### Sporting News

Year 5 and 6 Footballers unfortunately lost their league match recently, 3-1 against Drayton Park. It was however a very close game and the staff reported that the children put in 100% effort and perseverance. Well done! The Netballers won both their matchers. Congratulations Year 4.

### Dance through the Decades

Year 6 danced the day away last week with the help from a dance teacher. They learnt complex choreography and worked together to produce a large group piece. Great for the fitness.

### School Meals

A reminder that the price of school meals unfortunately is rising to £2.30, an increase of 10p a meal. Essence has tried to keep the price down when other providers had put theirs up last year. It was inevitable that the price would rise eventually. It is still very good value and the children do benefit from a hot meal each day.

### Maths Workshop

Thank you for supporting the parent workshop. It was good to see a positive turnout and I trust parents found the information helpful. Remember you can go on our website to download copies of calculation policies.

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

### Nursery 30 Hour Offer

If your child is due to start Nursery next year please let Mrs Delaney know and ask for an application form. We are consulting at the moment and asking for expressions of interest in the new 30 hours of free entitlement for nursery care. To be eligible both parents must be working and earning the minimum wage, approximately £6,000 a year or earn less than a combined £100,000. There will be more information in the Summer term but when you apply please express interest if this is the option you may require. This is only feasible if there is enough interest. Closing date for applications is the end of April.