



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

We heard in the Gospel this week of God's greatest commandment; to love one another and as I reflect upon the events of this month I am heartened by the wonderful responses of our children during the VE celebrations. Although much of the day revolved around the tremendously enjoyable activities there were many opportunities for the children to reflect and empathise. I would like to thank all those who joined their children for the 2 minutes of silence, marking our respect to those whose lives were lost. I hope and trust that our children will show love to others and their lives will be filled with peace. May I also take this opportunity to thank the Parents Association for the 400+ jam sandwich and jelly making production. A truly military exercise!



### Year 6 Prayer Day

The Year 6 classes had super day at Christ the King Church where they enjoyed a Bridge Builder Prayer Day. It gave them an opportunity to reflect and be in the presence of God. A peaceful and contemplative start to SATs week.

### Monies into school

The school has a large number of different events going on in every year group. Please ensure that any monies sent to school are in an envelope marked clearly with the event, amount and name of your child and class. We are getting loose money in and matching the money to the reply slip is impossible.

### On-line payment

This month we will be launching our on-line payment systems which may be used for the Care Club as well as other school visits or activities. Further information to follow.



Comet		97.5
Meteor	3rd	98.5
Eagle		98.3
Falcon	1st	98.6
Lion	2nd	98.4
Leopard		97.8
Panda		97.7
Kangaroo		97.5
Dolphin		97.2
Turtle		98.0
Starfish		96.1
Seahorse		97.7

**Overall total 97.7 %**

**Well done everyone but we still have the end of term to go. Please don't let this figure drop. Remember that holidays in term time will not be authorised.**

### Registration Entry System

Some may have already used our new registration entry system instead of having to sign-in children into the book. This speeds up the process but I may be contacting you if I see repeated late entry each day. It is very unsettling for children to walk into the classroom late and it also disrupts others who may have started their learning.

### Holy Communions

Please pray for all our children who will be taking their First Holy Communion this term. It is a very special time in the life of a Catholic faith journey and I would like to wish all the children joy and happiness for their special day. A reminder to Parents of these children that you are invited to celebrate mass with us on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9am** in the school hall.

### Small Hall Extension

I am delighted to announce that the school has secured funding to build a second hall which will be where the existing Chapel Conservatory is located. This will provide a much need PE/Dance /music space for our younger children and it will also have folding doors to extend the Chapel when we have mass for a year group or class. The class masses have been so well-attended it will be lovely to be able to accommodate you all. The conservatory will be relocated to provide PE changing facilities for our older children. This re-location will take place in the summer and the small hall building project will start in September. These will be great improvements to our school and any inconvenience will be short-term.

### Swimming

We have started our curriculum swimming lessons again this term with our Year 4 children. Each year I am surprised by the number of children who cannot swim and each year this number goes up. Swimming is a life saving skill and in the short time they get to go to the pool it is unlikely that they will improve sufficiently to be fully confident. Please take your children swimming from Early Years onwards. Here are some links to pools in the MK area:

<http://www.wolvertonpool.com/swimming-lessons/>

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/woughton-leisure-centre/swimming-pool-sessions-and-lessons>

<http://www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk/bletchley-leisure-centre/swimming>



### Mini bus

We are very pleased to have taken ownership of our mini bus and it is already being used for a great number of events. For events during the day the school will cover the costs however I ask Parents to support the petrol and running cost fund when events take place after school. Historically Parents were expected to take their children to sporting events at other schools and may still wish to do so. If you **do** wish to use the mini bus there is a cost of £1 which will go towards the running costs. Please attach the £1 to the reply slip or put in an envelope.

### Sporting achievements

Year 5 Tag Rugby- Well done for coming 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football- A superb effort girls. Won 2-1 and 1-1.

### Some Diary Dates to remember for the rest of term:

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12-3 pm**  
**Come along to our May Fair**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6 pm**  
**SRE Parent Information Evening**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2pm**  
**Years FS-3 House Fun Run- Parents welcome to run with their children.**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm**  
**Years 4-6 House Fun Run- Parents welcome to run with their children. Can you beat your record?**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
**School Closed for Staff Training**

**Thank you for your generous donations for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.**

**We have donated £386.00**

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