



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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### Diary for the Advent Term

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations- 3:30-6.15 Booking on the boards in the classrooms from Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October (Note change of day to Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> for Mrs Perret, Falcon class/ Miss Antony, Dolphin class and Mrs Patel, Kangaroo class and Mrs Clarke who has agreed new appointments)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Year of Mercy ends</u>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2 pm	Advent Wreath Building Mass Years 3-6 - parents and carers welcome
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00-12:00	School Nursing Service Health 'Drop in' session. If you have any worries about your child's health just call the office to reserve a time.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 3:00-5:00  <b>Christmas Fayre</b>	Christmas Fair - A different time than previous years. Saturdays are very difficult; the Parents Association are trying a different time. We will set up outside school using the Small Hall and the Canopy areas. Stay after school and join in the Christmas Fun. The PA will send more information nearer the time.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15	Christmas Celebration of Songs: Saplings B and Acorns B
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Association Christmas Shop. An opportunity for your child to buy a secret present for someone they care about. More information to follow.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15	Christmas Celebration of Songs: Saplings L and Acorns L
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15	Seahorse and Dolphin Christmas Nativity
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner- book with Essence Catering and join in the fun.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15	Starfish and Turtle Christmas Nativity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 and 6 pm	Carols and Readings Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to all those who came along to the International Evening. Such wonderful food and so marvellous to have our school community meeting together socially. Thanks to the Parents' Association for preparing the event. Most of all thank you to those families

who so generously cooked and provided food.

### Year 6 Residential Visit

Year 6 have just returned from a very challenging three days on their residential visit. I was pleased to hear how so many of the children really persevered with the challenging activities. Staff reported just how well the children did and how they grew in confidence, despite getting very wet and having their stamina really challenged.

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### Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farwell to Mrs Clarke, classteacher for Dolphin Class. She and her husband are re-locating to Lancashire and we wish them both all our very best wishes and blessings. Mrs Clarke is our RE Leader and has been largely responsible for the superb contribution to the development of RE and Chaplaincy in recent years. The Inspection last year recognised this and we are very grateful for her leadership and dedication. We will miss her very much.

We also have Mrs White and Mrs Homer starting Maternity leave in the next few months and we wish them both a safe delivery!

I know that children find change difficult and I always try to plan ahead for the proposed changes. I am able to let you know well in advance the arrangements for the changes to come.

**From 5<sup>th</sup> December** Mrs Rodricks, a teacher who worked with us in last year and who our children know well, will replace Mrs Homer's cover timetable until Christmas.

### From January 2017

**Saplings B:** Mrs Morris will take up a full time position to replace Mrs White.

**Turtle Class:** From January 2016 Mrs Smith, our Assitant Head will share the class with Miss Ford who currently teachers two days in Kangaroo class.

**Kangaroo Class:** Mrs Patel will continue to teach 3 days and Mrs Rodricks will then take

the other 2 days. It is not ideal changing but the class teachers chosen are the best fit for the needs of the children.

We welcome back Mr Watts for a short period to cover additional lessons.

We always manage change very well and the children are familiar with all of the teachers that will be re-joining the school.

### Applications for Starting School September 2017

If your child's birthday is between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 they will need to apply for a school place. If you would like a tour of the school then contact the school office and book a place and tell others who might have children who will be starting school next September. The next tour is on:

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1:30**

Those families who have children in the Nursery- don't forget to apply for a school place. Just because your child is in the Nursery you still **MUST** apply for a school place via the Local Authority using the on-line portal. Find out more from:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-september-2017-18>

You must get your application in before the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. If your child is a Catholic then a Supplementary Form must be completed and returned to our school office (Available from the school office or the school website).

