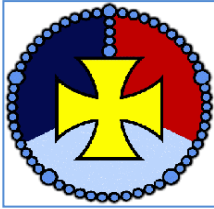


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Value this month is trust

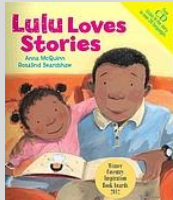


Attendance to date is superb! Keep it up and remember not to book any holidays in term time.

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Did you hear your child read today?



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super September with lovely weather and all the children settling back into the routine of school. Attendance has been superb so I hope your children continue to stay fit and well. I am pleased that so many are now heeding guidance about holidays in term time. For new families please look ahead and check term dates so that mistakes in bookings do not occur.

The new home school diaries have been warmly welcomed as were the new class information evenings for Parents. I hope the improved communication systems will really enhance the support you are able to give your children.

Harvest Giving



Enormous thanks to all families for sending in their Food Bank donations. The Chaplaincy Team helped load the food onto the van and this year we almost filled the vehicle completely. The Food Bank worker was so amazed and extremely grateful. Well done to the children for their enthusiastic support.

Parking

It was reported last week that a parent used extremely offensive language to a passerby when challenged about their poor driving. This is totally unacceptable and sets a very poor

example to our children. Some common sense has to prevail.

- Please park further away and WALK the last five minutes.

Please refer to the yellow sheets in the planners that I presume you have all signed!

Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is everyone's business. If we are worried about a child we do pass information on to the Children and Families Referral Hub. Following on from our Parent workshop last year the confusion about what is appropriate punishment in the home is still troubling. If a child suffers harm or has been hurt by an implement then action will be taken and a referral made. If you would like more information about what happens when a referral is made please follow the link to our website. There are also many other useful documents and links about how to keep children safe.

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



New National Curriculum

You may have heard on the news that the new national curriculum comes into operation from September 2014. We are well prepared for this but you may start to see some content that is different, particularly if you have older children who have gone through Primary Education. Assessment of the curriculum is changing so we will be having discussions at Parent Consultations based upon the targets your child needs to achieve. As before, these are in words rather than a Level so that you and your child is clear what they need to achieve next.

Follow the link to read more about the new curriculum.

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-national-curriculum-2014>

And finally may I encourage you to get involved with the Parents Association events. We have a lively International Evening to look forward to and then the Christmas Fair and Christmas Shop. I know the events are so much more successful when there is full support. God bless you all. Mrs Clewlow

Monday 6 th October	School Photographs- be extra smart for that lovely Christmas gift photo!
Wednesday 22 nd October 2.50 in the Chapel	 Falcon class collective worship- led by the children. Parents and Carers of Falcon class welcome.
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Half Term
Mon 3 rd November	School Closed for Staff Training
Tues 4 th and Thurs 6 th November 3.15-6.15 pm	Parent Consultations – Booking sheets will be available from week beginning 13 th October.
Wed 19 th Nov 2.50 in the Chapel	 Lion class collective worship- led by the children. Parents and Carers of Lion class welcome.
Thursday 20 th November 6pm in the School hall.	Parents Association International Evening Come along/ Bring some Food of your country and share together an evening. If you can play music all the better!
Thurs 4 th Dec at 2.15	Acorns L/Saplings L Christmas Nativity
Fri 5 th Dec at 9.15	Acorns B/Saplings B Christmas Nativity
Wed 10 th Dec 2 pm	Starfish/Dolphin Christmas Nativity
Thurs 11 th Dec 2pm	Seahorse/Turtle Christmas Nativity
Friday 12 th and Monday 15 th Dec- all day	Christmas Shop- Parents Association organise a school shop for your child to buy a present for a family member. They need lots of help wrapping presents!
Wed 17 th Dec 6 pm in the School Hall	Year 5 and 6 Carols and Readings
Thurs 18 th Dec	TBC- Visit to a care home or repeat performance for the community
Friday 19 th Dec <u>2.30 pm</u>	Open Classrooms- Last part of the afternoon to collect early and see your child's work before breaking for Christmas.

The diary on the school website also has these dates.
http://www.stbernadettesschool.com/calendar_full.htm