



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,

September has provided lovely sunshine and opportunities for us to extend the summer. Your children have settled back into the routine of school and there is a wonderfully calm and focussed atmosphere in all classrooms. Thank you to all those who attended the 10th Birthday Mass. Bishop Peter also visited the children in the younger classes, talking to them all and wishing them all a happy birthday. Every child received a cake provided by the Parents Association and if it was eaten before you saw it, there was a clever rice paper St. Bernadette logo on top. Thank you to the mini-army of parents who made and topped cakes.



Harvest Giving

Once again you have been very generous with the harvest giving. This food has been sent to the Milton Keynes Food bank. The Chaplaincy Team helped load the food onto the van and this year we almost filled the vehicle completely. Thank you for the CAFOD donations to 'make the world a brighter place'.

Sporting Activities

Congratulations to the group of Year 5 and 6 children who participated in the Badminton Festival. We achieved a very noble 3rd and for many of these children this was their first experience of playing badminton. Year 5 and 6 pupils entered into the Hockey tournament, again a first for the children. The children are thoroughly enjoying their football clubs after school and the new lunchtime activities run by Mr Marchant are very popular.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those who came along to school to meet the class teacher and find out about the teaching and expectations for the year for your child. Curriculum information is available on the website. <http://www.stbernadettesschool.com/learning.htm>

Update on School Procedures

Although we do give a prospectus to all families when their children join the school and a copy is also available on the website I know it is often difficult to remember the school procedures that help to keep the school working smoothly and effectively. Here are some reminders:

- Signing in- if your child is late you must sign your child in at the office. Please do not just drop them and leave and expect your child to do it themselves.
- Sickness- we have had a large amount of tummy upsets and diarrhoea so far this term. Do not send your child to school if they have been sick. A minimum of 24 hours and for many institutions it is 48 hours.
- We do not accept money for the Karate Club or Essence Caterers. There is a locked money box in the entrance for school dinners or you can pay by Bacs payments. For Karate please pay fees direct to the Karate club leaders on the Friday evening.
- Car parking- I had a very upset resident when one of our parents parked ON her drive and then verbally insulted the resident when asked to move the car. We find ourselves apologising for the behaviour of parents who park in such a way that shows little respect for this local community. This behaviour does not uphold our Christian values.
- Reading books and library books. These are very expensive so please do look after them. There is a charge for lost books.



The value for this month is RESPECT

School Photographs	Monday 5 th October
Schools' Mass at Dunstable- Chaplaincy to represent the school.	Friday 9 th October
Year 7 Open Mornings at St. Paul's Catholic School	Friday 16 th and 23 rd October.
Foundation Stage Parent Information Evening to show you how to use EYLog- our IT method of keeping you up to date about how your child is progressing in Foundation. For more information follow this link: http://www.st-pauls.org.uk/News/Open-Evening-For-Prospective-Year-7-Parents-15-Oct/	Wednesday 21 st October 6 pm
Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle; Spiritual retreat.	Monday 12 th October -Wednesday 14 th October
Half Term	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 st October
INSET Day- School Closed	Monday 2 nd November
Parent Consultations- please book on class sheets in classrooms. Available two weeks before.	Wednesday 4 th Nov and Thursday 5 th Nov. 3.30-6.15
International Evening- bring and share a plate of food from your home country.	Thursday 19 th November 6 pm
Acorns (pm) and Saplings L Class Nativity Play	Thursday 3 rd December 2.15 pm
Acorns (am) and Saplings B Class Nativity Play	Friday 4 th December 9.30 am
Christmas Fair	Saturday 5 th December 12-3 pm
Christmas Shop- opportunity for your child to buy a gift for you for Christmas. The PA will need lots of help. More details to follow in the PA newsletters.	Friday 11 th and Monday 14 th
Starfish and Dolphin Class Nativity Play	Wednesday 9 th December 2 pm
Seahorse and Turtle Class Nativity Play	Thursday 10 th December 2 pm
Year 5 and 6 Carols and Readings	Thursday 17 th December 9.30 am and 6 pm (Now all on one day)
Last Day of Term The school will close at 2.30	Friday 18 th December 2.30

