



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus



Value this month is trust

Morning Entry Times:

Acorns/
Saplings 8.45 with parents.

Year 1 8.40 in the line with parents

Years 2-6 Doors open at 8.35- go straight to class using the class doors.

Half Term Diary

3.30-4.00 or 5.30-6.00 Thurs 18 th Y5 Mon 22 nd Sept- Y4 and Y6 Tues 23 rd Sept- Y1 and Y3 Wed 24 th Sept - Y2	Welcome meetings- Parent information run by the teachers for each class. On different days to try to accommodate parents with siblings in differing year groups. Choose from any of the sessions, either 3.30 or 5.30. There still may be a clash so please speak to the class teacher.
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th Nov and Thursday 6 th Nov. 3.30-6.15	Parent Consultations- please book on class sheets in classrooms. Available two weeks before.
School Closed Monday 3 rd November	Staff Training- School Closed

I will send out a full year diary shortly and the website will also have the diary dates for the year.
http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar_full.htm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new term at St. Bernadette's. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new families that are joining us this September.

I do hope that you all managed to have a restful summer break and enjoyed the lovely weather. The school is once again looking absolutely beautiful with the entrance and corridors decorated and a complete clean throughout. Changes to the Kitchen mean we are ready for our universal free school meal service for Foundation and Key Stage 1. I am looking forward to the smell of home cooked food on-site! We have also made use of the left over bricks to extend the play area outside Year 6.

We welcome new staff to the school, Mrs Pughe in Year 5 sharing the teaching in Eagle class, Mrs Patel in Year 1 for Starfish class. Miss. Griggs is now married and will be Mrs. Malloy and Miss. Brown, in the Nursery is also married and will be Mrs. Pruden. Congratulations to them both.

Your child will be returning home with our new home communication diaries. We are eager to improve communication and work in partnership with parents and so we have put together these diaries that have year specific information. These will replace reading records and you will see a wealth of useful school information. Please take time to look through and sign all the relevant pages of agreements. Teachers will be signing these each week and there is an expectation that parents will sign them weekly. Please look after these as we have limited replacements which will be charged at £5 each. We think this will really benefit your child's learning and keep you fully informed.

We urge you to attend a new parent information session led by your child's class teacher. This is an ideal opportunity to understand the expectations placed upon your child and help them to achieve their very best. We hope that this will really ease the transition to their new classes.

You will have heard, perhaps on the news, that all schools are introducing the new National Curriculum. We are fully prepared for this and have been working for some time to be ready. Curriculum newsletters will be available as usual but please check them as there will be differences this year. The curriculum is more challenging and covers subject knowledge in greater depth. I believe your children will really enjoy this challenge and be inspired by the subject content. More information will follow as the new curriculum unfolds. An exciting time!

As ever, staff at the school remain grateful for the support and the faith you place in us. We look forward to another superb year of achievements.
God bless you all, Mrs Clewlow