



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus



Value this month is Peace

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.

Car Parking
Be safe
Be respectful
Park further away and walk.

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 even though the weather was a little mixed. The school looks absolutely beautiful with the entrance and corridors decorated and a complete clean throughout. Work has started with the new Small Hall extension and so we will have restricted play space for the rest of the term. It is very exciting knowing that in January we will have a lovely new hall space. This will open up onto the Chapel and can be used for larger collective worship gatherings, music and PE. The class collective worships were so popular last year and deserve a larger space to celebrate together in.

We welcome new staff to the school, Mrs Dalton as class teacher in Year 1 Starfish Class. Mrs Fisher has taken her class up and now is Seahorse class teacher as the new teacher for Year 1 has not been able to join us. We welcome Mrs Morris as Saplings B class teacher.

We also welcome Mrs Miah, Miss Clarke and Miss Newby as teaching assistants along with Mr Marchant as our own Sports Assistant.

We have continued to issue Home Learning Communication Diaries as they were so successful last year. 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 know that this will really benefit your child's learning and helps to 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.

Term dates are on the website. May I remind you of a longer half term holiday in June that has been created as a result of the training days added in . This will provide an opportunity for families to take an extended break. We have an outstanding school and high attendance is one of the contributory factors. Your child can only learn if they are in school. Please look at the diary and do not book holidays in term time.

<http://www.stbernadettesschool.com/calendar.htm>

As ever, staff at the school remain grateful for the support and the faith you place in us. Thank you for returning the Parent Questionnaire in July. The outcomes of these will be reported to Governors later this term and a full report will be sent in the next edition of School Matters. I have updated the website with the summary of the school's academic achievements. It is impressive reading. <http://www.stbernadettesschool.com/ofsted.htm>

We look forward to another superb year of achievements.

God bless you all, Mrs Clewlow

The full year diary is now on the website
http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/calendar_full.htm

Autumn Term Diary 2015

3.30-4.00 or 5.30-6.00 Wed 16 th Year 6 (Meet the teacher only at 3.30 and Meet the Teacher with Alton Castle trip at 5.30) Mon 21 st Sept- Year 1 and Year 4 Tues 22 nd Sept Year 3 Wed 2 ^{3rd} Sept - Year 2 Thursday 24 th - Year 5	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.
Tuesday 22 nd September 10.15	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Harvest Assembly-Parents welcome
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year 6 Retreat to Thornton College-(in school time)
Wednesday 23 rd September 10.40	Key Stage 2 (Years 4-6) Harvest Assembly- Parents welcome.
10 th Birthday Mass 10.30 celebrated by Bishop Peter.	Parents are welcome- I will send out an invite shortly with RSVP so that we have an idea of numbers.
Monday 5 th October	School Photographs
Friday 9 th October	Schools' Mass at Dunstable- Chaplaincy to represent the school.
Monday 12 th October -Wednesday 14 th October	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle; Spiritual retreat.
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 st October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day- School Closed
Wednesday 4 th Nov and Thursday 5 th Nov. 3.30-6.15	Parent Consultations- please book on class sheets in classrooms. Available two weeks before.
Thursday 3 rd December 2.15 pm	Acorns (pm) and Saplings L Class Nativity Play
Friday 4 th December 9.30 am	Acorns (am) and Saplings B Class Nativity Play
Wednesday 9 th December 2 pm	Starfish and Dolphin Class Nativity Play
Thursday 10 th December 2 pm	Seahorse and Turtle Class Nativity Play
Thursday 17 th December 9.30 am and 6 pm (Now all on one day)	Year 5 and 6 Carols and Readings
Friday 18 th December 2.30	Last Day of Term The school will close at 2.30