



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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### Diary for the Advent Term

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30 and 5:30 In classrooms	Parent Information Evenings- Getting to meet your class teacher and find out about this year's expectations. Year 1 ,Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30 and 5:30 In classrooms	Year 3 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30 and 5:30 In classrooms	Year 2 and Year 6 Parent Information Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September and every Friday up to and including 7 <sup>th</sup> October: 9:30 am	Year 6 Parents and Carers invited to visit St. Paul's. If you wish to take advantage of these visits please contact St. Paul's directly.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 3:45-5:00	Year 4 Badminton at St. Paul's
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 3:45-5:00	Year 4 Basketball at St. Paul's
W/c 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Week of Harvest donations- please send in dried food goods for the Food Bank. You are always so generous and the Food Bank so grateful.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 6:30-8:30	St. Paul's Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Education Sunday in the Parishes. Please try to attend your parish mass.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October-Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Rock UK Residential
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2:50	Lion Class Class Collective Worship
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b><u>Half Term</u></b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Parent Consultations- 3:30-6.15 More information to follow</u>
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
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15	Christmas Celebration of Songs: Saplings B and Acorns B
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
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15	Starfish and Turtle Christmas Nativity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 6 pm	Carols and Readings Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

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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 that you enjoyed the lovely summer sunshine. Once again the school looks beautiful with a thorough clean, tidy and some redecoration. I remember writing this time last year in trepidation of another building project but this year I am pleased that all our new facilities are working well and we have a year ahead, building project free. Our next outdoor project is to develop a prayer garden and I know this has been in planning stage for some time. We welcome any support with the project particularly if you have gardening skills.

We welcome new staff to the school, Mr Collins as class teacher in Year 5 Eagle Class. Mrs Patel and Mrs White returned from maternity leave in the summer term but we welcome them back into classroom teacher roles.

We have continued to issue Home Learning Communication Diaries and there are a few new pages in the diaries. Please take time to look through and sign all the relevant pages of agreements. 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 the 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. We have an outstanding school and high attendance is one of the contributory factors. Your child can only learn

if they are in school so please look at the diary and do not book holidays in term time.

<http://www.stbernadetteschool.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 via Survey Monkey. 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. We have higher attainment than other schools nationally but this comes as a result of hard work from the very start of school. <http://www.stbernadetteschool.com/ofsted.htm>

St. Paul's is our Secondary School in our family of Catholic schools in Milton Keynes. They are thrilled this year with good examination results with their most able students achieving more A and A\* than ever before. Progress measures show that the school exceeds national expectations with students achieving a grade higher in each of their subjects than would have been expected. A great choice for your child's next school.

We look forward to another superb year of achievements. More information about events will follow.



Look out for PTA events and a reminder that the 'Stay and Play' coffee mornings will be continuing from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 8:45 in the Hall, and 50p towards refreshments.

God bless

Mrs Clewlow