



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 17th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots going on this week as part of Design Technology week. The Year 1 class have been researching different fruits and vegetables to create a smoothie, the Year 4 class have been creating structures with wood and real tools plus Reception have been exploring the story of the 3 Little Pigs and trying to build houses for them. There have been exciting projects going on around school and you will be able to see the children's work at parent's evening.

We have had a significant reduction in Covid cases in school and, from this Monday, the children will no longer be in class bubbles. After the half term we can resume our whole school assemblies which is another step towards bringing the school back together.

I would like to thank all the staff. We have such an amazing team at St. Bernadette's and although staffing levels have been difficult, everyone has pulled together. Teaching children in school and maintaining a school curriculum for those pupils who are at home at the same time is not an easy job. Thank you also to our school community for ensuring the children come to school each day and working hard at home.

I hope you enjoy half term. We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 28th February.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

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Network Rail Sessions

The children throughout the school have been learning about the dangers of the railway through interactive sessions hosted by Network Rail this week. The children found the sessions interesting and informative and they have helped them understand how to keep safe in our local area.

Staffing

A huge welcome to our new teaching assistant Mrs Wilkinson who will be with us until Summer. She has been getting to know the children well and is thoroughly enjoying being part of St. Bernadette's

Job Vacancy

We are currently looking for a part time/permanent Administrative Assistant to join our school team. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please share the information below:

[St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School - Vacancies \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](http://saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

Theatre in School

Last week we were so lucky to have the talented musical theatre students from Runshaw College perform 'Silly Saxons and Vicious Vikings' for KS2 and 'What the Ladybird Heard' for KS1 and EYFS. The shows enhanced the history topic in Year 5 and also brought stories to life for our younger children. The children were mesmerised and I hope it will inspire a love of live performance that will stay with them into adulthood.

World Book Day and Book Fair



World Book Day is taking place on **Thursday 3rd March** and it is one of the highlights of the school year.

We would love the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book into school. We have lots of lovely reading activities planned for the week.

The Usborne Book Fair will be in school:

Tuesday 1st March 2022—3pm—4pm

Wednesday 2nd March 2022— 1pm onwards

Thursday 3rd March 2022—3pm—4pm

Children will have the opportunity to purchase brand new books after school. Each child will be given a book voucher which they can exchange for £1 when purchasing their books.

Parent's Evening

Our Parent's evening for Nursery - Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

We will be holding:

- face to face meetings in the school hall 1:10pm - 4:30pm, where you will see your child's books
- phone calls from 5:00pm onwards.

Appointment slots are now available through the school APP.

***NOTE—Nursery appointments are face to face and held in the Nursery classroom ***

Parking

Parking issues around our school is an age-old problem. We are on a busy road in a built up residential area and I appreciate it is awkward around the start and end of school.

I am writing to ask you not to park dangerously. It puts the safety of children and others at risk and sadly we had an accident involving a cyclist outside school. We have had many enquiries over his health and I am pleased to report he is well and back on his feet.

Parking on zig-zag lines or double parking can cause visibility issues so please park considerately. Please share this message with grandparents, childminders or anyone else who drops off or collects your child from school. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Chester Zoo

Chester Zoo is letting school children visit for free as part of its aim to inspire a generation of conservationists. We recently put in an application for the whole school to attend and we were successful!! Although the tickets are for February 2023, it is certainly something to look forward to and will enhance our science curriculum.

Swimming

Year 5 started their intensive block of swimming lessons at Wigan Life Centre this week which included swimming, diving and waterside safety. The children were a pleasure to take as they were so sensible and responsible around the water and getting changed.

Year 6 will begin their block on Wednesday 18th May until the end of the academic year. Letters will be sent out after Easter.

Swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and helps the children become more confident around water. For the academic year 2022-2023, we are making enquiries for the children in Year 3 to Year 6 to attend swimming lessons each half term. More information will be given nearer the time.

PJ Day

Reminder: Tomorrow, Friday 18th February, the children will be able to come to school dressed in their cosiest pyjamas for £1. The money raised will go towards funds for 'The Friends Of' which supports projects within school.

Already this year 'The Friends Of' have donated money to create our new Calm Room in school and purchased hands on maths resources. Thank you so much. We really appreciate your ongoing kindness which the children have benefitted from.

Year 4 assembly

Year 4 celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday 11th February. The class shared a beautiful assembly to begin our day and the children explained how Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette. They produced some beautiful and reflective work in their RE books and was able to share these with their parents and family members. Thank you to the children and Mr Doyle.

Extra-Curricular

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below which will start after half term. Please sign up using our School APP. A message will go out to parents and it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Bookings will be open from Friday, 18th February. It is important that your child attends all the sessions as there are limited places. I would like to remind you that children will not be able to swap between clubs during the half term.

Extra -Curricular Activities

St Bernadette's Primary School

Spring Term 2 2022

Monday 28th February – Friday 1st April 2022



Day and place	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm Outside	TAG Rugby	Mr Davies	Y3,Y4	28.02.2022 to 28.03.2022	4.20pm – Main entrance
Monday 3.20pm KS1 Area	Easter Crafts	Miss Chivers	R,Y1,Y2	28.02.2022 to 28.03.2022	4.20pm – Main entrance
Tuesday lunchtime	GIFT team	Mrs Ferguson	GIFT Team Members	01.03.2022 to 29.03.2022	No collection needed
Tuesday 3.20pm Outside	Football	Mr Davies	Y1 and Y2	01.03.2022 to 29.03.2022	4.20pm – Hall Door
Tuesday 3.20pm	Phonics Booster	Miss Quellan	Y1-Y2	01.03.2022 to 29.03.2022	4.20pm – Hall Door
Tuesday 3.20pm	Choir	Mrs Buck	Y4,Y5,Y6	01.03.2022 to 29.03.2022	4.20pm – Main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Times Tables Rock Stars!	Mr Doyle	Y4	01.03.2022 to 29.03.2022	4.20pm – Main entrance
Thursday 12.20pm	Student Council	Mrs Armstrong	Student Council Y1-Y6	03.03.2022 to 31.03.2022	12.45pm (no collection needed)
Thursday 3.20pm	Bug House Club	Mrs Crowder	Y3	03.03.2022 to 31.03.2022	4.20pm Main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Times Tables Rock Stars!	Mr Doyle	Y4	03.03.2022 to 31.03.2022	4.20pm Main entrance
Friday 3.20pm Y6 Classroom	Reading Booster	Mrs Wells	Y6 (invite only)	04.03.2022 to 24.03.2022	8.50am (no collection needed)

Please note there will be a small charge for the football club as it is provided by an external provider, £1 per session. There are limited places so it will be on a first come, first served basis. You will be asked to sign up on Parent App so please look out for the details.

Important Dates for Diaries (more information to follow)

PJ Day — Friday 18th February 2022 (*£1 donation please*)

School closes for February half term—Friday 18th February 2022

School reopens—Monday 28th February 2022

Extra-Curricular Clubs Start w.c Monday 28th February 2022

Year 1 trip to Martin Mere—Monday 28th February 2022

Book Fair in School—Tuesday 1st March, Wednesday 2nd March & Thursday 3rd March

Ash Wednesday Mass (Year 4 and Year 5 children to attend only) St Bernadette's Church - Wednesday 2nd March

Parent's Evening—Wednesday 2nd March

World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March

First Wednesday of Lenten Markets—Wednesday 9th March

Year 5 fieldwork trip to Elnup Woods - Wednesday 9th March

Wiggle Dance Show—Thursday 10th March

Year 1 Lenten Reflection Assembly (parents and families welcome) – Friday 11th March

Reception Mother's Day Assembly (parents and families welcome) – Friday 25th March

Easter WOW week – w.c. Monday 28th March

School closes for Easter break – 2pm Friday 1st April (*no After School Club*)