



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 20th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a positive start to 2022 and I have been pleased we have been able to continue with most of our planned activities for the children. Although we have had some cases of Covid in school, we are still below our threshold at the moment. I will inform you immediately if cases rise and we need to move to our contingency plan where all classes may have to stay in bubbles.

Thank you to the Reception teachers, Mrs Li and Mrs Buck and also Mr Doyle in Year 4 for delivering Parent Workshops after school recently. Parents who attended commented that the sessions have helped them understand how our children are taught and how they can further support at home.

The children joined in with a Judo taster assembly last week and now Judo is part of our before school extra-curricular provision. The extracurricular activities are very popular and it has been wonderful to give children a chance to shine in other areas of the school curriculum.

Specialists from Wigan Authority have worked with the classes throughout the school this week delivering 'Healthy Relationship' sessions. They have focused on managing feelings, resolving conflict and online safety. The children responded so sensibly and asked excellent questions.

We are able to manage the staffing situation at this point. We are extremely lucky to have staff who are very flexible to support the needs of the classes and children however, you may find over the next few weeks a change of staff and there may be supply staff teaching your children. I ask that you have patience with us as we will do our utmost to remain fully open for face-to-face teaching.

Please remember to report any positive cases to us as soon as possible. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or speak to me on the school gate.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support to ensure that education and learning continues throughout these difficult times.

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Covid Guidance

From 17th January 2022, the compulsory isolation requirement has been reduced to a minimum of 5 days if you have two clear lateral flow tests (24 hours apart) on consecutive days after day 5. However, you must continue to isolate for up to 10 days if your lateral flow tests remain positive or you are symptomatic.

For staff or children to return to school on day 6, they will need a clear lateral flow test on the morning of day 6 (morning of day 5 and day 6 is our recommendation).

Job Vacancy

We are currently looking for a temporary teaching 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)

Reading

Parents have an important role to play in helping their children to become better readers and to enjoy reading. Reading with children at home improves their progress and development. Therefore, we would like you to read with your child each day if possible. Please can you sign your child's reading records to show that you have heard your child read. This just needs to be a simple comment e.g "lovely reading" which is then signed.



Reading Eggs

We have recently purchased Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress for the children from Reception to Year 6 and your child came home with log in details last week.

The children have loved using it so far and can also be part of their home reading for the week.

[Learning to Read for Kids](#) | [Learn to Read with Phonics](#) | [Free Trial – Reading Eggs](#)



Reading Eggs teaches the children Reception – Year 2 the foundations of reading.



Reading Eggspress is for children Year 2 – Year 6 and teaches reading skills, spelling and comprehension.

Parking

We have once again been notified of safety concerns regarding parking around school. Whilst we appreciate that parking can be problematic, we would urge you not to park illegally on the zig zags, inconsiderately or in a manner that is dangerous. Please share this email with grandparents, childminders or anyone else who drops off or collects your child from school. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.



St Peter's Visit

Mr. Santus and previous pupils from St. Peter's came to visit Year 6 last week. The children have started their transition work to secondary school and it was a great opportunity to answer any questions and reduce any feelings of worry. We will continue to work with St. Peter's over the next two terms to ensure the children have a happy and smooth transition to the next stage of their learning journey.

Friends Of St. Bernadette's

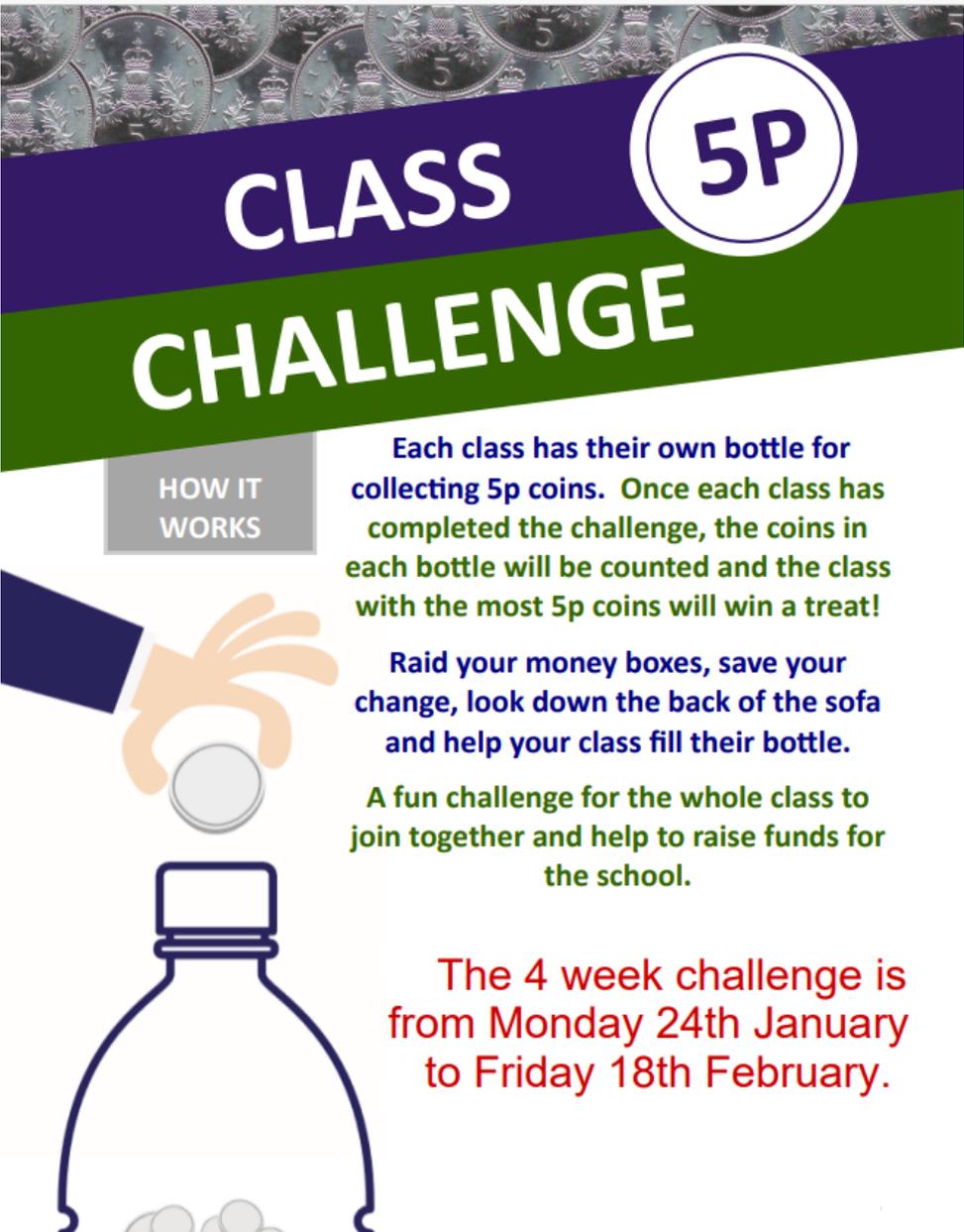
'The Friends of' are a group of ordinary parents from St. Bernadette's, who get together to do extraordinary things. We would like to say a huge thank you as they have arranged so many fantastic events and raised a massive amount of money for school this term already.

Last term 'The Friends of' bought each class in the school a set of practical maths resources from their fundraising. Practical resources are invaluable when mastering abstract concepts and increasing confidence in maths. Thank you so much!

We met last night to arrange more exciting events over the next two terms.

* **Friday 11th February 2022 - PJ Day! We are inviting children to come into school for the donation of £1**

* **Monday 24th January until Friday 18th February — Please join in with the 5p Bottle Challenge (see below)**



CLASS **5P**

CHALLENGE

HOW IT WORKS

Each class has their own bottle for collecting 5p coins. Once each class has completed the challenge, the coins in each bottle will be counted and the class with the most 5p coins will win a treat!

Raid your money boxes, save your change, look down the back of the sofa and help your class fill their bottle.

A fun challenge for the whole class to join together and help to raise funds for the school.

The 4 week challenge is from Monday 24th January to Friday 18th February.

Important Dates for Diaries (more information to follow)

5p Bottle Challenge - Monday 24th January until Friday 18th February

Year 4 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church—Tuesday 25th January 2022 @ 9:15am

Year 3 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church—Tuesday 1st February 2022 @ 9:15am

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February

PJ Day — Friday 11th February 2022

DT Week in school—w.c. Monday 14th February

Railway Safety Sessions (Reception—Year 6) in school—Wednesday 16th February 2022

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

School reopens—Monday 28th February 2022

Parent's Evening—Wednesday 2nd March (appointments to follow)

World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March