

# Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Nursery Welcome Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Nursery! We hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has been an absolute joy to meet all of our new children. It is a delight to open the door to such smiley little faces, they are settling in and having lots of fun and making new friends. It is an honour to be your child's Nursery Teacher and I look forward to them growing in 'Faith, Love and Learning' over their time in Nursery. We look forward to working with you and if you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Miss Chivers



### Staff

Miss Chivers is your child's Teacher. Our fabulous Teaching Assistant is Mrs Cottam.

If you can't catch a member of staff at the beginning or end of school day, please do ring/email school or write on Class Dojo if there is anything you think we need to know.



### Starting Nursery –

As your child takes the 'big step' of starting Nursery, please remember to refer to the school website for extra information. This includes lots of information on our class & curriculum.

Class Dojo - Our class community class dojo is used to communicate with parents. You will have received an invite over the last week- please sign up as we will share lots of information on here.

Tapestry- Once registered you will be able to use the 'Tapestry' website, which has specifically designed to make it easier for us to communicate with you about your child's learning. Please ensure that you have signed your child's Tapestry consent form on the Parents App.

### Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to bring in your water bottle each day. They are refilled during each day.

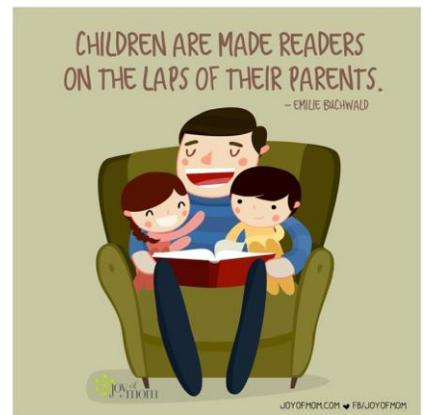
As we are outdoors learning in all weathers please ensure that your child wears a suitable waterproof coat and brings a pair of wellies to be left in school.



## Reading

A goal for all children in Nursery, is for them to read for pleasure. This does not necessarily mean reading words, but engaging with books, using a book correctly, identifying the front cover, title, pages etc. This will form a love of reading throughout their time in school and hopefully through life. Taking part in the reading process each day at home will greatly benefit your child.

Reading expands imagination, forming new stories, adventures and endings which in turn impact children's play. In Nursery, play is a fundamental part of learning, and this play is based off of children's interests, so having this wide range of stories behind them will in turn increase children's learning through play.

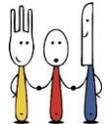


## Friends of St. Bernadette's (PTFA)

The PTFA are keen to recruit some new members. It would be fantastic to have a representative from all year groups. If you would like to get involved through planning and organising events, please speak to the class teacher. You might know another parent who would be really good and may need a bit of encouragement. Thank you for your support.

## Lunches

In Nursery we have our lunches in the classroom in our cosy picnic area. If your child is attending a full day, you will need to provide them with a meal for lunchtime. As part of our Early Years curriculum, we will be encouraging the children to use a knife and fork where appropriate...lots of practise at home will help to develop this skill too.



## Payments

We are moving towards a cashless system and so use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

## Messy Play

In Nursery we have a lot of hands on playing experiences, these can involve paint, glitter, glue, mud, soil, water, sand etc. We can get very messy, but it's all in the name of learning! So we do apologise if your child comes home dirty some days, we do try to keep them covered while playing, but it's not always possible.

## Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend and arrive on time. This will help them settle in to routines alongside their peers.

Our Nursery hours are:

Morning session – 9-12

Afternoon session – 12-3

If there are any problems, Mrs. Speakman our Pastoral Manager will be happy to help.

## Important Dates for Nursery

7<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September – National Nursery Baselines to be completed in class

6<sup>th</sup> September – 1st Full week of Nursery

10<sup>th</sup> November – Parent's Evening

6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 2pm in Nursery

