



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 9th September 2021

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as the new Headteacher at St. Bernadette's and, having lived in the area most of my life, feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to build upon the history of successes the school has already achieved.

I have previously worked as a Deputy Headteacher in Lancashire and feel very lucky to have been given the opportunity to now take over the leadership of the school, not only because of its excellent reputation in the community but because my own child, Rosie, attends the school and my son, Jack, will join us in the Nursery later this year. I am looking forward to finding out even more about the school in the coming weeks so that the developments we make in this new chapter are fully supported by the whole school community.

I've always known that St. Bernadette's was a happy, welcoming school with special qualities but this week has exceeded my expectations. The children have been an absolute delight. They have been polite and friendly and so sensible with new routines. You must be so proud, as they are an asset to you. I would also like to thank the staff for working so hard and making sure the children have had a very enjoyable first few days back. It has been a fantastic start to the autumn term!

If you have any concerns or questions so far, catch me on the gate in the mornings or email/phone school and I will be more than happy to help.

I am looking forward to working with you all and excited for the future of St. Bernadette's.

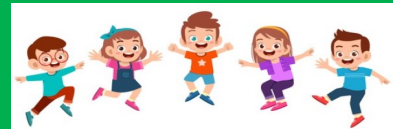
Mrs. Helen Crowder

Newsletter information

This is the first 'Bernie's Bulletin' newsletter that will be used to share the great work that is happening in school and to communicate any school events. You will have received a hard copy today, however in future it will be emailed out to parents/carers as well as put on the school website. Please ensure we have an up to date email address so you can receive all communication from school.

New Starters

It has been wonderful to see the first group of our new reception starters this week. I would like to welcome them to our St. Bernadette's family and look forward to seeing them grow and blossom during their time with us. I would also like to welcome our new Nursery Manager, Miss. Helen Chivers. It is great to have her onboard working with our wonderful staff, children and parents/carers.



Nut allergy

Just a reminder that we have a no nuts policy as we have staff and children in school with a severe nut allergy. Please ensure that your child does not bring nut products into school. Thank you for keeping all our children safe.



Masses

I am pleased to announce that we can return to our tradition of the children attending Mass at St. Bernadette's Church each Tuesday at 9:15am where classes will take part on a weekly rota. Please see the timetable below as you are more than welcome to join us.

Year 6	Tuesday 14th September
Year 5	Tuesday 21st September
Year 4	Tuesday 28th September
Year 3	Tuesday 5th October
Year 2	Tuesday 12th October
Year 1	Tuesday 19th October

Parental Survey

To help us make sure we are providing the best standard of education for your children, we would like to know how you feel about our school by filling in our parent survey.

This will help us to find out what we are doing well, where we could improve and make sure we are meeting the needs of you and your children, so please do take the time to complete it and help make St. Bernadette's be the best it can be.

Please watch out for the electronic link as it will be sent home shortly.

Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we take great pride in our standards, and as such, I ask you to ensure your child has the correct PE kit with no logos or football tops. If you have any difficulties with this, please do contact the school and we can support you further.

We do not allow earrings in school. Spacers can be worn for recently pierced ears.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Brew and Banter - Friday 24th September 2021

As key educators in your children's lives, I feel it is important you feel you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, thoughts and share in successes together. I am keen to meet parents/carers so will be holding a 'Brew and a Banter' coffee morning on Friday 24th September from 9:00am. This coincides with the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning so we will also be raising money for a good cause! It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to chat to me about what we are doing well and areas that may need addressing. You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child whilst they are members of our school. Reminders will be sent nearer the time.

Do you know anyone who is starting school/nursery in September 2022?

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school in an Open Day on Wednesday 3rd November 2021. Please call the school for an appointment.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below for the first half of the autumn term. Each half term we will be offering a range of activities for different year groups after school until 4:20pm (*there will be a small charge for those clubs run by an external provider as stated*).

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. It is important that your child attends all the sessions as there are limited places.

KS2 Healthy Snack

In Year 3 - Year 6 children may bring their own healthy snack to school for morning break. We are promoting healthy eating so snacks can include fruit (fresh or dried) or toast. No cereal bars or cakes/biscuits please.

It is also important that all children remember to bring water to school in their bottle each day.

Friends of St. Bernadette's

The Friends are a group of ordinary parents from St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, who get together to do extraordinary things. The principle aim of the Friends is to raise money to buy the extras that the school budget does not support.

The first meeting of the year will be Thursday 23rd September at 7pm, socially distanced in the school hall. We really need members to join us so please do come along and support us in any way you can (there will be cake!!).

IMPORTANT DATES (more information to follow)

'Scootfit Day' (all children in PE kit please) - Monday 13th September 2021

Year 6 SATs meeting (further details nearer the time) – Monday 20th September 2021 6pm

Parent survey deadline – 20th September 2021

Friends Of Meeting – Thursday 23rd September 2021 7pm

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Brew and Banter – Friday 24th September 2021 9:00am onwards

Reception Children Welcome Mass (in school) – Monday 27th September 2021 10:00am. Reception parents welcome.

Year 2 SATs meeting (further details nearer the time) – Wednesday 29th September 2021 5pm

Year 4 trip to Chester – Thursday 30th September 2021.

Year 1 Phonics Information Evening (further details nearer the time) – Monday 4th October 2021

Half Term is Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 1 2021

Monday 13th September – Friday 15th October

Day and place	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday Football Pitch (weather permitting)	Football	Mr Davies	Y4, Y5, Y6	13.9.21 - 11.10.21	4.20 Playground gate
Thursday Y2 Classroom	School Council	Mrs Armstrong	Elected Members Y1-Y6	16.9.21 - 14.10.21	No need to sign up as it is in the school day.
Thursday Football pitch (weather permitting)	Football	Mr Davies	Y1, Y2, Y3	16.9.21 - 14.10.21	4.20 Playground gate
Thursday Outdoors	Gardening Club	Mrs Li	Y1 & Y2	16.9.21 - 14.10.21	4.20 Main door
Friday Y5 Classroom	Drama	Mrs Dobbs	Y6	17.9.21 - 15.10.21	4.20 Playground gate

