

# Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Year 6 Welcome Newsletter

I am very excited to welcome the children into Year 6 as they embark on their final year at primary school. Year 6 is a challenging yet rewarding year. The children will have more responsibility this year and the rest of the school will certainly look up to them. In Year 6, we work hard to ensure that all the children have the best opportunity possible to achieve their full potential. However, we also try to ensure that we have fun along the way and provide the children with some lovely, lasting memories.

As a school, we want to ensure that your child reaches his/her full potential- emotionally, socially and academically- and we feel that this is best achieved when we work alongside parents. I have put together some information that will hopefully answer many of your questions and give you a clear overview as to what your children will be doing in school. We ask that you support us by ensuring that all homework is completed and that children have good attendance throughout their time in year 6.

**Mrs Wharton**



**Mrs Canavan**



**Mrs Coyle**

### Staff

Helping me in the classroom this year will be Mrs Wharton, who is with us Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Coyle who is in class on a Thursday and Friday. If you can't catch a member of staff at the beginning or end of school day, please do ring/email school or write a message on Class Dojo if there is anything you think we need to know.

### Weekly Mass

On Tuesday, different classes from our school attend the 9:15am mass at St. Bernadette's. On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September, Year 6 will be the first class to attend.

### Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly appreciate your support. Each half term, we will be sending out our 'Learning Log' homework. Children will have weekly tasks of reading, spelling, grammar and maths and they can also choose a fun, family-friendly task to be completed from their Learning Log. 'Learning Log' homework will be collected in on Monday morning, in our Dojo Show!

### Homework continued...

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of some words with the same spelling pattern, words that the children will need to know by the end of Year 6 and words that are commonly misspelled. Our spelling test will be on a Monday morning.

A good knowledge of the times tables is a key skill every child needs. Children will be given a times table to learn and practise using Times Tables Rockstars, and this will also be tested on a Monday.

*There will be some additional activities added to Year 6 homework as we progress through the year, in preparation for SATs. Parents will be informed before this happens.*

### Reading

The children will continue on the school reading scheme and we request that parents sign their reading records on a weekly basis. Some of the Year 6 books may take more than a week to read but we encourage parents to sign weekly so we can monitor progress.

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

The Friends of St. Bernadette's 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 myself or Mrs Crowder. You might know another parent who would be really good and may need a bit of encouragement. Thank you for your support.

### Lunches

Please order these on the myevolvehub.com and if you have any questions, please contact the school office. As a 'Healthy School', we ask that break time snacks are fruit or a healthy alternative.

### Payments

Please use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about this.

### Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day - they can be refilled at break and lunchtime. As Year 6 are currently swimming on a Tuesday, they only have one other PE slot, which is on a Thursday. The children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on that day. After half term, when they are no longer swimming on a Tuesday, they will have a second PE slot on a Wednesday. Please label all clothing, coats and shoes. No rucksacks are allowed as we have nowhere to store them.

Year 6 are allowed to bring their own pencil case and pens to school. I must stress that they are responsible for the care of these items and if anything gets lost, school will not replace it.

### Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, please speak to me or Mrs. Speakman, our Pastoral Manager. Only in exceptional circumstances will holidays be authorised during term time.

### SATs Information Evening

Y6 SATs information evening will take place on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at 6pm – I look forward to seeing you there.