

# Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Year 1 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely Summer. The children have settled into their new classroom already and I have loved hearing about their summer holiday! They have been working very hard to show how grown up they are, trying their very best to follow our new routines and getting to know the new adults in class. They have loved exploring their new classroom and I am enjoying getting to know each child and their unique personalities. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and would like to thank you all for your continued support.

- Miss Quellin



Miss Quellin



Mrs Critchley



Mrs Blackburn



Mrs Berry

### Staff

Miss Quellin is the class teacher in Year 1. We are very lucky to have three wonderful teaching assistants working in our class. Mrs Critchley will be with us every morning. We will also have Mrs Berry with us each morning, and Mrs Blackburn each afternoon. The children will also work with Mrs Marrow, Mrs Speakman and Mr Davies every Tuesday morning. On a Thursday we are joined by Mr Perry who leads us in our music lessons.

### Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly value your support. Each term/half term we will be sending out our 'Learning Log' homework. Children will have weekly tasks of reading, spelling and maths and they can also choose a fun, family friendly task to be completed. 'Learning Log' homework will be presented to the class each **Friday**, in our Dojo Show!

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of words containing the sounds we have learnt in our Phonics sessions that week and our High Frequency Words. Our spelling test will be on a Friday and your child will receive a Spelling Book that they will use to record their spellings.

A good knowledge of number bonds and confidence with numbers is a key skill every child needs in Year 1 and your child will be given number bond activities to practise to support their knowledge and understanding.

## Reading

Children will receive **2 reading books** and these will be changed once a week. A phonics book, containing sounds they have learnt and a whole language book. Your child will be given a reading day but there will be plenty opportunities for extra reading across the week. Reading should be completed at home as often as possible because regular practice will support your child to develop fluency, understanding and confidence. Please make sure you sign and, if necessary, comment in your child's reading record each time you read – even if it's a book from home, local library or magazine! Book Bags should come in to school every day with your child's reading diary and books.

Please see the front of your child's reading record for your child's reading day.



## Equipment/Resources needed

As well as book bags, please remember to send in your child's water bottle each day. We offer children the opportunity to refill bottles when they are empty and they are able to drink throughout the day.

Our **PE days** are **Monday and Tuesday**. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green shirt with our school badge, plain black joggers/leggings/shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie (no logo).

Please make sure that **all** clothing – cardigans, jumpers, hoodies, coats, etc – are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Lunches

Our lunch time will be from 12.00pm – 1.00pm. Year 1 children receive universal free school meals. Please order these on the [myevolvehub.com](http://myevolvehub.com) If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Children are offered a piece of fruit at morning break. They may also bring in a piece of fruit from home to eat at break time if they wish.

## Payments

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

## 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.

## Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs. Speakman our Pastoral Manager will be happy to help.

No holidays must be taken in term time.

## Finally...

I would like to reiterate how wonderfully settled the children are in their new class. I have been so impressed by how mature, sensible and enthusiastic they have been. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch, I will be responding, when able, to messages on Class Dojo from 8.00am – 5.30pm. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and thank you once again for your continued support.

I will be sharing what we get up to on our Class Dojo and also on our Year 1 Twitter page if you'd like to see what is happening in Year 1!



@rquellinsclass

