

Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Reception Welcome Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Reception! We hope you have all had a lovely summer. It is a delight to greet such smiley little faces each morning and a joy to meet them all this week. It is an honour to be your child's first Teachers and we look forward to them growing in 'Faith, Love and Learning' over their Reception year. We look forward to working with you and If you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Mrs. Li and Mrs. Armstrong



Mrs Li



Mrs Armstrong



Mrs Wilkinson



Miss Hughes

Staff

Mrs Li and Mrs Armstrong are your child's Teachers. Mrs Li works on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Armstrong teaches on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our fabulous Teaching Assistants are Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Hughes.

We will also have Grandparent/adult helpers throughout the week. 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.

Weekly Mass

On Tuesdays, different classes from our school attend the 9.15a.m. mass at our local parish church – St. Bernadette's. We will let you know when our Reception children will attend mass. You are always very welcome to join us, so please come along.



Starting School –

As your child takes the 'big step' of starting school, please remember to refer to your child's 'Getting Ready for School' Booklet and class webpage. These include lots of information on our class & curriculum.

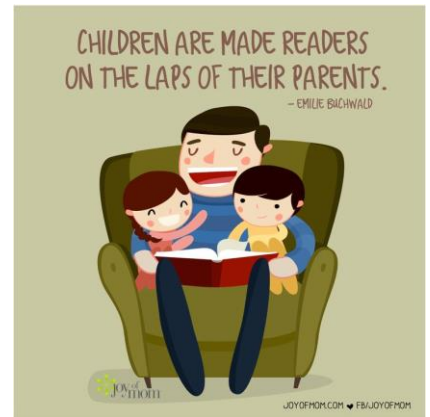
Class Dojo - Our class community Class Dojo, is used for us to communicate with parents. Any new families to St. Bernadette's will have received their invite this week.

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

Reading

We ask that all children read 'little **and** often' in Reception. Taking part in the reading process each day at home will greatly benefit your child. Your child's Reading Record is your record of reading at home. **Please make sure you sign your child's reading record each time you read** – including books from home or the local library because it is lovely for us to see what books interest your child!

Your child will receive a Reading Record and books home shortly after they start Sounds~Write (our phonics programme) by the end of September. We ask that children bring their reading books in their book bag to school every day.



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.



Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green St Bernadette's P.E top, plain black joggers/leggings/ shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie (no logo). Please label all clothing, coats and shoes as they can become easily lost.

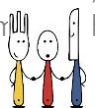
Friends of St. Bernadette's (PTFA)

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

Reception children receive universal free school meals. **Please order these on the myevolvehub.com, so that your child can enjoy a meal, that you know they like.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. As part of our Early Years curriculum, we will be encouraging the children to use a fork and knife at lunchtimes...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.

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.

Important Dates for Reception

12th-23rd September – National Reception Baselines to be completed in class

12th September -1st Full week of school

Monday 26th September – Reception Welcome Mass 10.30am– All Parents welcome to attend

Tuesday 11th October – Reception Welcome Tea Party 2pm – All Parents welcome to attend

Friday 17th March – Reception Mothers Day Assembly 9am – All Mummies welcome to attend

Friday 16th June – Reception Fathers Day Assembly 9am – All Daddies welcome to attend

