



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning

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End of Term Letter - December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of Autumn term and 2022 at St Bernadette's, I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support. I am extremely proud of our school team who continue to provide so many learning opportunities for all of our children and their continued support for all of our families. This has been a very busy but successful term and all staff and children have worked extremely hard. This truly shows the true spirit of our loving community at St Bernadette's.

Our end of term Christmas events have been a real pleasure to watch and I am extremely proud and privileged to experience the joy of Christmas in our school in so many ways, from our youngest children in Early Years and their Nativities, our Year 2 Christingle and our KS2 Carols. I thank everyone involved in helping prepare this for us all to enjoy.

Santa Dash

I am sure the children have told you of the fun we had during our Santa Dash. Not only did it provide the children with festive exercise, it raised just over a staggering £1000....and still counting! We are so grateful to parents and families for their kindness and selfless donations, particularly at this time of year. This money will go towards our reading projects in school for the children from Nursery to Year 6, with a particular focus on our curriculum areas, inclusion and cultural diversity.

School Improvement

Our INSET in January will focus on our school improvement priority of reading. All staff will be joining together as we take part in training delivered by an English expert called Ashley Booth. We will be redesigning our reading curriculum and looking at reading throughout our wider curriculum.

Fencing

As you may know, the school was sadly broken into back in 2021 and, with the growing number of children in Nursery, we need to have a safe entrance to the Early Years' classrooms. Plans to raise the height of the perimeter fence and redesign the entrance to Nursery/Reception have been finalised and work will hopefully start in January 2023. Although it will be noticeably higher, it is important to keep the children and the school safe. I will keep you informed of any temporary changes that may be needed, if any, during this time.

Uniform

The majority of the children wear full PE Kit and the correct school uniform, which is wonderful - thank you. However, there are a number of children coming into school in clothes that are not PE or school uniform. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. [School Uniform | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](http://School Uniform | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School (saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)) Sports brands are not our PE uniform. We understand that there may be the odd day, when your child's uniform hasn't dried after being washed, or has vanished overnight and just can't be found! If this happens, let someone on the gate know in the morning and of course, we will be understanding.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below which will start in the New Year. Please sign up using Parent Pay. A message will go out to parents and it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Bookings will be open from 10am, tomorrow **Wednesday 21st December**. It is important that your child attends all the sessions as there are limited places.

Attendance Letters

In the New Year we will be issuing our attendance letters again. It is important that the children attend school regularly. The DFE states that if a school can improve their attendance by 1%, they will see a 5-6% improvement in attainment. Our school target for attendance is 97%. The letters run on a traffic light system according to the attendance percentage. If you would like support with any aspect of attendance or punctuality, please speak to me.

On behalf of St. Bernadette's school family, I would like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas, I hope that the next few weeks are safe and restful for all staff and families and we will look forward to greeting you all on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

Take care,

H Crowder

Mrs Helen Crowder
Headteacher



Important Dates 2022 (more information to follow)

All children return to school—Monday 9th January 2023

Stay and Play Starts – Wednesday 18th January 2023 9:30am – 10:45am

Year 4 start school swimming lessons – Tuesday 10th January 2023 (*up to and including Tuesday 14th February*)

Year 6 Mini Medics First Aid ½ day course (in school) – Friday 13th January 2023

Parent's Evening (more information to be sent nearer the time) Nursery to Year 6 – Tuesday 24th January 2023 1:10pm onwards.

Year 5 Mini Medics First Aid ½ day course (in school) – Friday 27th January 2023

Year 3 Cake Sale - Friday 27th January 2023 after school

Whole School Trip (Nursery to Year 6) Chester Zoo – Friday 3rd February 2023

Online Safety / Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2023

Commando Joe's Sessions – Thursday 9th February 2023

Year 4 'Lady of Lourdes' Worship (parents and families invited) - Friday 10th February 2023 @ 9:10am

Year 4 Mini Medics First Aid ½ day course (in school) – Friday 10th February 2023

Year 3 Mini Medics First Aid ½ day course (in school) – Friday 17th February 2023

Year 2 Cake Sale - Friday 17th February 2023 after school

Finish for Half Term - Friday 17th February 2023

Extra-Curricular Activities St Bennadette's Primary School



Spring Term 1 2023

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Maths	Mrs Canavan (Y6 classroom)	Y6 Invite only	16.01.23-13.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Monday 3.20pm	Outdoor fun!	Mrs Li	Y1 & Y2	16.01.23-13.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday lunchtime	Fun Club	Skillswise (outside)	Mixed Year Groups	Every week	No collection needed
Tuesday lunchtime	Reading Club	Mrs Ferguson (Y2 classroom)	Y2 Invite only	17.01.23-14.02.23	No collection needed
Tuesday 3.20pm	Dodgeball & Benchball (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y5 & Y6	17.01.23-14.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 8am-8:45am	Judo Education (£15 for 5 weeks)	Mr Lawton (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	18.01.23-15.02.23	No collection needed
Wednesday 3.20pm	Dance (max 25 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	Wigle Dance (hall)	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	18.01.23-15.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Fun Club	Skillswise (outside)	Mixed Year Groups	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Tennis Skills (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y1 & Y2	19.01.23-16.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Science Club	Mr Doyle	Y3 & Y4	19.01.23-16.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Pokemon & Football Card Club	Mrs Speakman	Y4	19.01.23-16.02.23	4.20pm main entrance
Friday 3.20pm	Art Club	Mrs Wells	Y5 & Y6	20.01.23-17.02.23	4.20pm main entrance

Please note there will be a small charge for some clubs as they are delivered by an external provider. Places are limited so will be on a first come, first served basis, please note you will only be able to book for the duration of the sessions (you won't be able to book single sessions)

Bookings need to be made via Parent Pay so please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.