



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 19th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have made a great start to the term and have settled back into school very quickly after the Christmas break. It has been such a pleasure to chat with children in each class about their exciting Christmas holiday experiences. A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us over the break; we hope that you soon feel part of St. Bernadette's family.

Thank you for your understanding and support so far with the fencing work around school. The building work has been planned in phases and we will be in close contact with yourselves during the project as there will be temporary changes to drop off / pick up points. The first of which are Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th of next week. A letter has been sent out to explain drop off/pick up from school will be through the front door and hall on these days.

Thank you for your patience,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher



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## First Holy Communion

Having received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time before Christmas, Year 4 children are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) later in the year - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June (*letters with further details have been sent out*). This is a very special time for our Year 4 children as they take this journey together.

We are looking forward to taking KS2 classes to Church again this term but if you would like to attend weekend Mass, please see below for the current Mass times:

### Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's – Saturday 5:00 pm  
St. Marie's - Saturday 6:00 pm

### Sunday Morning

St. Bernadette's – Sunday 9:30 am  
St. Marie's – Sunday 11:00 am



## Parent / Grandparent Volunteers

Many thanks to parents who have approached us in response to our invitation to come and help read in school. We really appreciate people offering to come into school and support us in different ways. If you have any spare time and would like to work with our children (e.g. reading, sewing, sports, playing chess, gardening), please speak to the staff in the school office or any of the teachers.



## Enhancements and Enrichments

**Chinese New Year** - Chinese New Year was the topic of Tuesday's assembly with our visitor from Lingotots. The children learned about the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year whilst learning to speak some Mandarin!

We will be having a delicious special lunch menu to celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

*Please see our online 'Evolve' system to order.*

**Girl's Disney Football Event** - Well done to our KS1 girls who took part in a Disney Football event this week. They had a fantastic time as they were challenged to unlock their inner superheroes whilst having fun and developing ball skills.

**Mental Health Ambassador Training** - Tomorrow Meg from our MHST (Mental Health Support Team) is spending the afternoon delivering training for our Mental Health Ambassadors. These are children from each class who have shown real interest in championing positive mental health and wellbeing. They will be helping the rest of the children in school to develop their self-regulation techniques.....more information to follow!

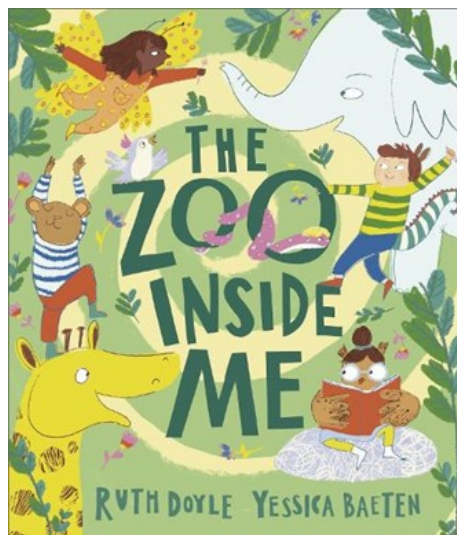
Please see our website for more information: [Pastoral Care | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

## Chester Zoo



A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about our whole school trip to Chester Zoo taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please complete the permission form together with your contribution via Parent Pay.

As part of our trip each class will read a copy of "The Zoo Inside Me" by Ruth Doyle which will provide us with a whole school focus for learning. Not only will it be promoting a love of reading and enhance our curriculum, but there will also be a *whole school* celebration of children's work on display afterwards.



## Mini Medics

Last week Year 6 were the first of our classes to complete their Mini Medics half day first aid course. Learning first aid is an invaluable life-skill. It helps children become more risk aware and equips them with skills to keep themselves safe and help themselves or others if involved in a medical emergency.

The children learned about how to contact the emergency services, carry out CPR, place someone in the recovery position, bandaging and much more. Year 5, 4 and 3 are looking forward to their Mini Medics course later this half term.



## Free School Meals

We are very mindful of the increasing cost of living and recognise that financial pressures can be enormously challenging for families. Some children may be entitled to Free School Meals which could alleviate some worries families are facing.

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal but some children in Key Stages 1 and 2 are eligible for Free School Meals due to family circumstances and income.

Please ask the school office or use the School APP (Content → Consent Forms) to help you find out if your child qualifies for Free School Meals. **YOU ONLY HAVE TO DO THIS ONCE WHILST YOUR CHILD IS IN OUR SCHOOL.**

## Mini Gardeners

We are in with a chance of getting a share of local funding but need your help! The bid is to develop our gardening outdoor area for the whole school.



Please go to the Shevington & District VocalEyes page:  
[Vocaleyes - Home of Shevington and District](#)



Please register (very easy and quick)



Please vote for St Bernadette's Primary School idea by agreeing with 5 stars  
★★★★★

The Community Association will meet on Tuesday 31st January, 7pm in Shevington Methodist Church, to hear about the ideas and allocate the funds.

## Reading INSET



All our staff attended our INSET day on January 6th where we were enthused and excited from our guest, and reading expert, Ashley Booth.

We have redesigned our Whole Class Reading approach and we are in the process of investing in a range of quality texts, including buying whole class sets of books and novels that each class are studying. These will be around both classic and long-standing much-loved books and novels, as well as new and exciting modern authors and texts which focus on diversity and inclusion.



## FOSB

We are very blessed to have parents who are instrumental in fundraising activities that are thoroughly enjoyable and have raised money for school. Please find lots of different ways to raise money for our Friends of St. Bernadette's FOSB.....without costing you a penny!!!!



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Friends Of St Bernadettes Shevington has received:  
**£165.92**  
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## Important Dates (more information to follow)

**Chinese New Year lunch—Monday 23rd January 2023**

**Year 4 Class to attend St. Bernadette's Church Mass—Tuesday 24th January 2023 9:15am**

**Parent's Evening Nursery to Year 6 – Tuesday 24th January 2023 1:10pm onwards.**

**Year 6 "Coping Strategies with Exams" session with MHST—Wednesday 25th January 2023 in the afternoon**

**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**

**ART WEEK—w.c. Monday 13th February 2023**

**Year 3 Class to attend St. Bernadette's Church Mass—Tuesday 14th February 2023 9:15am**

**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**