



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 6th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been busy over the last two weeks with lots of exciting things happening in school – it is amazing how much the children have accomplished. They are ready for a well-earned break over summer, as are the staff who work incredibly hard each week.

Well done to our KS1 footballers who were excellent ambassadors for school during their football event where they displayed tremendous skill and great team spirit.

Children in Year 4 attended their 'Going Forward in Faith' Mass this week to celebrate their First Holy Communions as a whole class together. It was a very special occasion for all those involved. Our children love going to Church and feel very much at home when they do so.

During our INSET day staff took part in history training. We welcomed Stuart Tiffany from "Mr T Does History" to further develop our history curriculum. We are always looking for fun and exciting ways to teach children and help them to learn more and remember more over time. It was a great training day and we can't wait to apply all the ideas into our history lessons.

As ever, if you have any specific concerns, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help you with them. Thank you for your continued support.

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Goodbye and Thank you

Our summer term full governing board meeting took place this week where we said goodbye and a huge thank you to our Chair of Governors, Mr Peter Rushton, and our Chair of Curriculum Committee, Mr Jim Dewey. Both members are retiring from their posts after many years of dedicated service to the school.

Peter has been our Chair of Governors since 2012. Prior to that, he was the principle at Carmel Catholic Sixth Form College, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Jim has been in the role for an impressive 30 years, where he has supported the school during many changes including the expansion of the school building; a number of positive RE and Ofsted inspections and the recruitment of staff.

The Governing Body, Senior Leadership Team, staff and children would like to thank Peter and Jim for their contributions to the school and the difference they have made to the lives of so many.

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new Foundation Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children.

Potential new governors should be practicing Catholics and have a willingness to:

- * Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.
- * Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by attending training, reading papers, attending meetings and visiting the school.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for one of our vacancies, please contact the school office for more information.

Break the Rules Day – Friday 7th July

As part of our behaviour policy in school, the children work as house teams to earn house points/dojo points. Each half term the winning team receive a reward.

The latest team to win was MATTHEW. The children in this team won a 'Break the Rules' Day. Only the children in this team will be able to take part in this. A letter has gone home with further details and a list of rules to break! Please contact the school office with any questions and we will be happy to help.



FOSB 'Bernie's Fest' Summer Fair – Friday 7th July

Please come and support the school and have fun by joining us from 3:20pm onwards tomorrow for our annual Summer Fair.

If you think you could help out either sorting donations, helping set up the stalls, helping on a stall for an hour or 2 or even just coming along to help clear up, we're always looking for willing volunteers!



Polite Reminder

A little reminder that when children are collected at 3.20pm, they are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or tyres. We politely request that you do not allow children to do this as we cannot guarantee supervision from a member of staff or the safety of the children. Thank you for your support in this.

Moving Up Days

Moving up to the next class can be a big step for some children. Children in Reception to Year 5 classes will be taking part in two 'Moving Up' days on Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July. On both these days, children will be visiting their new classroom with their next teacher and carrying out transition activities to ease any worries about their class for September.

On these days the children will enter school through the main gate and will 'round up' as normal where they will be greeted by their new class teacher. Our new Reception class will also enter through the main playground gates and will be greeted by the Early Years staff. Please pick up the children from their new classroom doors on both days where staff will be around to direct you to the correct place. Children will need their water bottles, book bags and healthy snack (KS2 only) on these days. Lunches are ordered in the same way. Children will be doing PE on their moving up days so will need to wear PE kits on these days (note: they may be different to your normal PE day).

	PE Kit Needed
Current Reception going into <u>Year 1</u>	Tuesday
Current Year 1 going into <u>Year 2</u>	Tuesday
Current Year 2 going into <u>Year 3</u>	<i>None</i>
Current Year 3 going into <u>Year 4</u>	<i>None</i>
Current Year 4 going into <u>Year 5</u>	Tuesday
Current Year 5 going into <u>Year 6</u>	Tuesday

Pre-Loved Uniform

The school and FOSB know that the summer holidays can be costly when buying new uniform for the new academic year. A big thank you to FOSB who will be holding pre-loved uniform sales after school in the week starting 17th July, ready for September.

If you would like to donate any uniform, please ensure that it is in good condition with no holes or marks. (Please note that we do not take used tights, socks or underwear).

If you have uniform that you no longer require, but which other pupils could use, please drop it into the school office in a bag labelled FOSB from 10th July onwards. Reminders will go out nearer the time.



School Dinners

We have held our price for school meals very successfully for a few years. However, despite our best efforts, the current price does not enable us to cover the total cost of the meals. As a result, we have taken the decision that the price of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per meal from September 2023 which is in line with other local schools. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or need support in this area.

Free School Meals

Universal free school meals are an automatic entitlement for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you get any of the qualifying benefits, we can get extra funding, called pupil premium. If your child is in Year 3 or above, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the qualifying benefits. If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, please visit: [Free school meals, pupil premium, and EYPP \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk) to check eligibility and apply. Alternatively, please call into the office and we will be more than happy to help.

Visits and Visitors



Haigh Hall

Year 3, 4 and 5 spent the day at Haigh Hall Woodland Park, where they enjoyed orienteering, den building and survival skills course, led by activity leaders. The teachers were so impressed as the children were fully engaged whilst they learned new skills.

Farm Visit

Last week Alldays Visiting Farm came into school where the EYFS and KS1 children were able to meet all the animals. The children were able to feed and brush the larger animals and then hold and pet the baby animals. The children (and staff!) absolutely loved it.

Wigan Life Museum

As part of their local history unit, Year 3 welcomed a visitor from Wigan Life Museum. Joan helped the children to complete a reading card trail to learn about the history of Wigan Rugby League. They made a timeline of how Wigan rugby league was formed pre-1895 and how it has developed over the years, including key players such as Billy Boston.

Nerf Days

Finally, KS1 and KS2 children were able to take part in their Nerf Competitions. As an extension of our Sport Week, the children thoroughly enjoyed their action-packed nerf battles. Lots of team work, tactics and physical activity was seen!

Important Dates (more information to follow)

'Bernie's Fest' FOSB Summer Fair – Friday 7th July (straight after school)

Collection of Pre-loved uniforms – w.c. Monday 10th July

Year 6 Taster Day at St. Peter's—Monday 10th July

Year 1 and 2 Music Concert for parents—Thursday 13th July

Pre-Loved Uniform Sales— Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July (after school)

'Moving Up Days' – Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Leaver's Mass – Tuesday 18th July 6:00pm St. Bernadette's Church

Year 6 End of Year Production – Wednesday 19th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Drop in Parent's Evening – Wednesday 19th July (after school)

Nursery Graduation Celebration—Thursday 20th July 2:00pm

Finish for Summer – Friday 21st July 2:00pm