



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 21st September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that the children have only been back at school for three weeks! They have done a wonderful job of settling back into school and have been so busy with all the fabulous things around school.

Thank you to all parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope that they were useful and, as always, if there is anything else you feel that school can provide to make you feel equipped and confident in supporting your child's learning at home, please do let us know.

Please read our newsletter below to keep up to date with everything that's happening in our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher



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SCAN ME

Last week it was a privilege to welcome the Knights of St Columba into school with the Relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret, as part of their National Relic Tour. We were so proud of our Year 5 children who showed great reverence and asked excellent questions.

Continuing into this week, CAFOD volunteers worked with each class to teach the children about Catholic Social Teaching which are principles that guide us on how to live out our faith in the world. *Please ask your children which ones they can remember.....*

 <p>Human Dignity Everyone is special and should be treated equally</p>	 <p>Common Good Thinking of everyone not just ourselves</p>	 <p>Solidarity Showing we care by our words and actions</p>
 <p>Subsidiarity Everyone should have a say</p>	 <p>Stewardship Caring for God's gifts</p>	 <p>Promoting Peace We are called to be peacemakers.</p>
 <p>Participation Taking part</p>	 <p>Distributive Justice Sharing fairly</p>	 <p>Preferential Option for the Poor Putting people in most need first</p>

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER: Our parish weekly newsletter can be found on: [Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette's P - Newsletters \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

If you would like to attend Mass yourselves, please see below for the current Mass times:

Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's - Saturday 4:45 pm / St. Marie's – Saturday 6:15 pm

Sunday Morning

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



Year 4 First Holy Communion

We are ready to start our First Holy Communion sessions with our Year 4 children. Parents/Carers have been sent a letter outlining the programme of events, culminating with a wonderful celebration in May 2024. Thank you for supporting the children on their very special journey. If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to Father Joseph after Mass.



Class Worships and Celebrations

All parents and carers are invited to join their child's class worships and celebrations throughout the year. We will keep you informed of dates/times through the Parent APP, newsletter and school website. In the coming weeks we have:

Year 5 Rosary Class Worship—Friday 29th September 9:10am in the school hall.

Reception Class Welcome Mass – Tuesday 10th October 9:15am in the school hall.

Year 2 Harvest Celebration—Friday 13th October 9:10am in the school hall.

FOSB (Friends of St. Bernadette's)

We need parents' help to be able to provide amazing activities for the children in school, such as summer discos, Monster's Ball, Summer Fair and many more events.



We would love to add to the groups of parents who are currently members. To find out more information, please come and join us for the first meeting of the year on **Thursday 28th September at 7:00pm in The Plough and Harrow Pub.**

Do you know anyone who is starting school/nursery in September 2024?

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school in an Open Day on Wednesday 1st November 2023 (9:30am and 1:30am). Please call the school office for an appointment.

Visitors to School

Linus

Thank you to Barbara from Project Linus UK Wigan and Leigh. The charity make quilts for local children to provide a sense of security, warmth and comfort. Barbara kindly donated quilts to our school children as a "hug you can keep."

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

The children took part in another great assembly from our Mental Health Support Team, Meg and Sarah, to relaunch our Zones of Regulation. Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be carrying out their training with MHST tomorrow afternoon.

Year 3 History of Rugby

Joan from the Museum of Wigan Life helped Year 3 to complete a reading card trail and learn about the history of Wigan Rugby League as part of their history unit this half term.

Shevington Library

All our classes are visiting Shevington Library this half term to sign up and learn how to loan any book of their choice. The children have loved their visits so far.

Blue Peter Reading Badge

To earn your Blue Peter Reading badge, just share your love of books by answering the questions on the link!

[Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)



Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer at St. Bernadette's, and help us with one of our most important activities?

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference.

We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested to help us and supporting the teaching of reading by joining our volunteers. Please contact the school office to find out more.

St. Bernadette's is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils. We provide enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all regular volunteers.

Harvest Collection

Following on from the success last year we will be supporting The Brick charity, who support vulnerable local people, with this year's Harvest Collection.

We will be collecting donations of dried food goods (packets, boxes, tins and jars) and other non-perishables from Monday 2nd October to Monday 16th October.

We understand that times are tighter than ever for our families who may be struggling themselves. Any donations, large or small, are always truly appreciated.



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.

Important Dates (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd September 2023—Mental Health Ambassador Training

Tuesday 26th September 2023—Year 4 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass

Thursday 28th September 2023—Vision Screening for Reception Class

Thursday 28th September 2023—FOSB Meeting 7:00pm—The Plough and Harrow Pub

Friday 29th September 2023 —Year 5 Rosary Class Worship 9:10am in the school hall.

Tuesday 3rd October 2023—Year 3 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – Reception Tea Party at 2:30pm— *parents and carers invited*

Wednesday 4th October 2023—STEM competition at Bolton School

Wednesday 4th October 2023 - Flu vaccinations (please fill in the consent form which has been sent home)

Tuesday 10th October 2023—Reception Class Welcome Mass 9:15am in the school hall.

Friday 13th October 2023—Year 2 Harvest Celebration 9:10am in the school hall.

Monday 16th October 2023 —Year 4 First Holy Communion Session 6:00pm at St. Bernadette's Church

Tuesday 17th October 2023—Year 5 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass (rescheduled)

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2023 – Reception and Year 1 Bikeability

Wednesday 18th October 2023 —Parents' Evening from 1:10pm onwards

Friday 20th October 2023 - School closes at 3.20pm for half term

Monday 30th October 2023 - School re-opens for 2nd half of Autumn Term

Wednesday 1st November 2023—OPEN DAY (9:30am and 1:30am)

Wednesday 8th November 2023—School Photographer

Monday 20th November 2023—Wednesday 22nd November 2023—Robinwood Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Joint Parish Singing Concert at St. Marie's Church

Tuesday 19th December 2023—Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023—Christingle Celebration 9:15am (parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023—Nursery Nativity 2:00pm

Thursday 21st December 2023 —Party Day!

Thursday 21st December 2023 —KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2:45pm

Friday 22nd December 2023 —School closes for Christmas 2:00pm