



St Bernadette's RCP Newsletter

Monday 11th March 2024



Together we Learn. Together we Achieve. Together we grow in God's Love



'I am the Resurrection and the life' (John 11:25)



Lent

Thank you for joining us at our Lent Assemblies on Monday mornings. They have been really well supported and the children have been very much part of leading these assemblies. You are all very welcome to attend our Lent Mass this Thursday in the school hall at 9.30am.

Lent Packs

During the season of Lent, your child will come home with a Lent pack; a tradition that has been taking place for many years here at our school. Please take some quiet time to set this up with your child, light the candle, write a prayer into the book etc and then return it to school the following day, ready for another child to take home.

Stay and Pray

Well done to our Year 5/6 Class who recently did their Stay and Pray in the hall. Thank you for supporting this. Our Year 4 class will lead us in our next Stay and Pray on Wednesday 13th March. Our Year 1/2 class will lead their Stay and Pray on Wednesday 20th March.

Visit by Bishop John Arnold

We are all looking forward to Bishop John Arnold visiting St Bernadette's and St Michael's schools on Monday 18th March. Our 'Growing in Faith Together' (GIFT Team) and our Mini Vinnies are going to tour the Bishop around school and also start our day with a special assembly.



Reconciliation

Our Year 3 children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week at a service in church. Please pray for the Year 3 children as they now move towards receiving their First Holy Communion this year. Thank you to Fr Steven and Fr Joe for preparing the children for their sacraments.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that the next Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 27th March. We will send a letter out this week and you will soon be able to book your appointments for the evening.

Punctuality and Attendance

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Our Attendance so far:

W/b 26th Feb - 96.27%

W/b 4th Mar - 96.71%

Great attendance and thank you for your support!

Attendance

A polite reminder that school starts at 8.55am. School gates/classroom doors open at 8.45am giving a 10-minute window for you to arrive in school on time. If your child is late, please report to the School Office and sign your child in.

The Mizen Foundation

On the 25th March, we are lucky enough to be having a visit from Barry and Margaret Mizen, whose son Jimmy lost his life in an altercation, when he was aged just 16. The Mizens will be coming into school to talk to our older children about the power of prayer and forgiveness. We would also like to invite you to come and listen to their inspirational story during a special presentation in St Michael's school hall at 7pm on the same day. The talk should last approx 60-90 mins and refreshments will be provided. Please note that this talk will be aimed at adults and may not be suitable for younger children. Please let St Michael's school office know if you intend on attending (0161 766 6628).

Please find out more information below:

[Mizen Foundation](#)

Book Week

We had a wonderful week last week sharing and celebrating books with each other. Our Breakfast with a book was really well supported and it was great to see so many families sitting together and sharing a book with each other. We ended our week by bringing books to life through dance and drama. Each class took part and the children really enjoyed this.



Reading Sheds

We hope the Reading Sheds are working well. It is great to see children and their families choosing books and returning the ones they have already read! Please keep reading!

Home /School Journals

Please make sure your child brings their Home/School journal to school each day. It needs to be signed each day and should be used as the main form of communication between school and home.

Parking around school

Please be considerate to the residents around school by parking responsibly. We still get phone calls from residents who complain about parking around the area. Please try to use the church and social centre car parks whenever you can to ease congestion around school.



Nursery Easter Bonnet parade

There is a slight change of time for the Nursery Easter bonnet parade. It will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 26th March at 2.30pm instead of 2.15pm.

Dates for Diary until Easter

Mon 11th Mar	Lent Assembly – 9am in hall
Mon 11th Mar	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents – 9am
Thurs 14th Mar	Lent Mass in school hall – 9.30am – All Welcome
Mon 18th Mar	Lent Assembly – 9am in hall
Tues 26th Mar	Easter Mass in church – 9.30am
Tues 26th Mar	Nursery Easter Bonnet parade – in school hall – 2.30pm
Wed 27th Mar	Parents' Evening – 3.45pm onwards
Thurs 28th Mar	Assembly/Easter Raffle – 9am in hall
Thurs 28th Mar	School closes for Easter holidays – EYFS – 1.20pm, KS1 – 1.25pm, KS2 – 1.30pm