



# St Bernadette's RCP Newsletter

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



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

*May this season remind you of the hope, love, joy and peace found in Christ' (Romans 15:13)*

### **Advent**

We have been preparing together this Advent for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Each Monday we have gathered as a school for our Advent Assemblies. Thank you to all children, staff and parents for working together and supporting the school so well. Our final Advent Assembly is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.



### **Christmas Mass**

We will be celebrating our Christmas Mass in church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am. You are all very welcome to join us.

### **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. Please can you also make sure you phone school before 9am to inform us if your child is going to be off school for any reason. Please leave a voicemail if the phone is not answered. Home time is 3.20pm for Nursery and Reception, 3.25pm for Key Stage 1 and 3.30pm for Key Stage 2. Please collect your youngest child first.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

There have been 13 occasions of late arrivals this week.

***Our Attendance Target is 96%***

### **Our Attendance so far:**

W/b 27<sup>th</sup> Nov -96 %

W/b 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - 95%

W/b 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - 94 %



### **Mini Vinnies/SVP Food Bank Appeal**

Thank you so much for all the food and toiletries donations that have come into school. We are so grateful to everyone that has donated and the SVP have taken the donations so far to the food banks. We know that many of you are still sending into school which is wonderful! Our Mini-Vinnies children have enjoyed collecting the donations and are thrilled too to be able to help others at this time of year. They have also written Christmas cards which are being sent to local care homes and to prisoners in order to show that St. Bernadette's are thinking about them at Christmas time.

### **G.I.F.T Team**

During this season of Advent, the GIFT team have helped set up and dress class altars and have prepared an Advent worship they are going to share with classes throughout school this week and next. The GIFT team are also leading some prayers during our weekly Advent assemblies too.

### **Rainbows - Support group**

We will be starting our Rainbows group in the new year. Rainbows is a group set up to support children who are experiencing / have experienced some form of loss or change in family circumstances. More information can be found under the heading, **What's On**, on the school website.





### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for the Poppy Appeal this term. We raised £499.28 which will continue to support vital welfare and benevolent work.

### Christmas Fair

I just wanted to thank you all for your incredible support at the Christmas Fair recently. I am sure you will agree that our PTA did a fantastic job of organising the fair and making sure everyone had fun. The fair raised over £3000 which is phenomenal! These funds will go straight in to school to support the children's development.

### Coffee Morning – Fund raiser

Thank you for all your support on our Coffee Morning. We raised an amazing £1500 which has been donated to Manchester Children's Hospital.



### EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativities

Thank you for all your support at the recent Nativities in school. The children did a great job telling the story of Jesus's birth and truly helped us all to remember the real meaning of Christmas. Well done to all our staff for their hard work and dedication

### Polite reminders

We would like to remind you that you are not allowed to smoke (this includes e-cigarettes) in or on the school premises. With the exception of guide dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Please can we also ask that children and parents do not cut through the car park before or after school to ensure everyone remains safe. This includes not parking on the Staff Car park for After school Club pickups. Thank you.

### Term Dates – Academic year 2024 2025

| Autumn Term 2024                 |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| School Opens                     | School Closes        |
| Wednesday 4th September          | Friday 18th October  |
| Monday 28th October              | Friday 20th December |
| Spring Term 2025                 |                      |
| School Opens                     | School Closes        |
| Monday 6th January               | Friday 14th February |
| Monday 24th February             | Friday 11th April    |
| Summer Term 2025                 |                      |
| School Opens                     | School Closes        |
| Wednesday 23rd April             | Friday 23rd May      |
| BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5th May 2025 |                      |
| Monday 9th June                  | Friday 18th July     |

### School finish times

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December. Please collect your child in the usual way at the following times:

- Nursery and Reception: 1.20pm
- Years 1 and 2 - 1.25pm
- Years 3,4,5 and 6 - 1.30pm



On behalf of all the children, staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. We will see you again on Monday 8th January when school opens again for all pupils.