



St Bernadette's RCP Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024



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

'May the Lord grant us to work in this new year with generosity to create a more supportive and welcoming world' (Pope Francis)

Happy New Year to you and your families. Welcome back to school. The children have returned to school full of energy and positivity as always and their attitudes to learning have been excellent.

Our School Development plan 2023/24

At St Bernadette's we have a School Development plan that helps us to look at our priorities for the year ahead. This can also be found on our school website. I have outlined below our key priorities for this academic year:

1. To embed curriculum implementation, so that pupils' know more and remember more in foundation subjects.
2. To ensure all teaching across school is consistently good or better and that learners deepen their knowledge, skills and understanding.
3. Increase attainment and progress in Reading, Writing and Maths particularly for the most able.
4. To further develop active learning strategies to increase resilience and independence ensuring behaviour for learning is effective.
5. Embed the role of middle leaders and governors in relation to their roles and responsibilities with a specific focus on high quality self-evaluation, strategic planning and monitoring for impact.

Punctuality and Attendance

There have been 20 occasions of late arrivals this week.

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Our Attendance so far:

W/b 8th Jan - 95.68%

W/b 15th Jan - 96.19 %

W/b 22nd Jan - 94.09 %

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. 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.



Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity

Thank you for your wonderful support at the Coffee Morning and other school events. We managed to raise £1500 and this donation has gone to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity. This money will make such a huge difference to the lives of children at this hospital.

Year 5 Stay and Pray

Thank you and well done to our Year 5 class on their 'Stay and Pray' session. Thank you to all the parents and families who came to celebrate with us. The collective worship was planned, written and delivered by the fantastic children in Year 5 and we all loved taking part with you. It was a wonderful message about Kindness and it was lovely to see how they used the school's Golden Values and the Word of God to share the message with us all.

Reception Bikeability

Our reception children really enjoyed 3 days of learning to ride a bike in school. The children made lots of progress and had an amazing time.

Safer Internet day

On Tuesday 6th February we will be taking part in lots of activities related to staying safe online. We will start our day with an Assembly and then all classes will do activities related to this for the rest of the day.

Please see our website under 'Parent Hub' to see lots of useful information for parents about Staying Safe online.



Adverse Weather

We may see more snow and very cold weather over the next few months. We will send out a text/email and put a message on the website in good time to let you know if the school will be open. Please presume the school will be open unless you hear otherwise.

Rainbows - Support group

Our Rainbows Support group begins this week. 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 or alternatively, please contact the school office for more details.



Nut free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We do have some children and staff with severe nut allergies and we ask that all products are nut free. This includes any snacks they bring or anything the children have in their packed lunch boxes. Please do not bring things in like Nutella, Kinder Bueno products or some chocolate spreads that contain hazelnut.



Calling all Elbow Fans!!

The Renovation Team at St Bernadette's Social have now raised well over £24,000 and are hoping to reach their target of £25,000 very soon and to do this they are launching a new and exciting fund-raiser. They are delighted to be able to raffle 2 tickets with back stage passes to the Elbow concert on May 14th at the Co-op Live arena in Manchester. The lucky winners will be taken to the venue where they will be able to join family and friends of the band back stage before seeing the band perform. The tickets have been donated by lead singer Guy Garvey as the social centre holds a very special place in the hearts of all the Garvey family. He is keen to help us to raise the much-needed funds.

Tickets are only £5 each and you can enter the raffle via this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GGFHELBOW>

Please share this with as many people as you can.

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.

Dates for Diary

Spring term 2024	
Mon 8th Jan	School starts for all pupils
w/b Mon 15th Jan	Reception Balance bike sessions (Mon - Wed)
w/b Mon 22nd Jan	Year 5 swimming each day for next 2 weeks
Thurs 25th Jan	Key Stage 2 Disco – 6pm – 7.30pm
w/b Mon 5th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 13th Feb	Road Safety sessions – Year 3
Wed 14th Feb	Road Safety sessions – Year 3
Wed 14th Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass in church – 11am
Fri 16th Feb	School closes at normal time
Half Term	
Mon 26th Feb	School starts for all pupils
Mon 26th Feb	Lent Assembly in hall – 9am
Tues 27th Feb	Road Safety sessions – Year 2
Wed 28th Feb	Road Safety sessions – Year 2
Fri 1st Mar	Heights and Weights check for Reception and Year 6
Mon 4th Mar	Lent Assembly in hall – 9am
w/b 4th Mar	Book Fair in hall after school – Monday – Friday this week
Wed 6th Mar	Breakfast with a Book – 8am in school hall (All welcome)
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day/Reading Dance Workshops
Fri 8th Mar	Reading Dance Workshops
Mon 11th Mar	Lent Assembly – 9am in hall
Mon 11th Mar	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents – 9am
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 – 2.15pm
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
<p><i>Please note – we will send additional information about some of these dates. The above dates are subject to change and we would give you notice if anything does need to change. Please also see our school website for the dates on our calendar.</i></p>	