

# St Bernadette Catholic Primary School 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Newsletter



## **Welcome back**

Two days in and the Summer holidays seem like a lifetime ago already; the pace and busy nature of primary schools, and of being parents of young children I might add, blows away any back-to-school blues. So...welcome! To all who are new here – children, parents, staff, and all who are returning. I hope that you all had a restful Summer with your family and friends and that you are looking forward to another successful year at St. Bernadette. This week we are also thinking about the year 6 children who left us in July and wishing them a great start to their new Secondary schools.

This newsletter is more of a house keeping one to begin with, providing dates and valuable information for the start of the term.

Wishing you every blessing for the weekend and the next week ahead.

Mrs Lavelle-Murphy

## **Communicating with teachers**

As always, we want the relationship with parents & staff to be positive and that of an open door policy. However, first thing in the morning or at the end of the school day is not the appropriate time to discuss things in detail with your class teacher. It is the busiest and most important times of the school day with regards to safeguarding the children. Please, if you would like to discuss something with your class teacher, come to the school office and book an appointment. This way, the class teacher can give the discussion the time and focus it deserves.

**If after talking to your class teacher, you would like a further meeting on the matter, this will be held with the class teacher and Key stage leader. For KS2 classes this will be Mrs Bennett, for KS1 classes, this will be Mrs Reimus and for Reception & Nursery, Mrs Mills.**

**Any further conversations needed from that point on can then be had with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**



## 'Marvellous Me'



We are introducing a reward system in the form of an app that parents and other family members can download. Parental engagement is very important to us and something we are always looking to enhance further. The app is aimed at only positive feedback linked to behaviour and teaching & learning. All members of staff in the school will have access to this reward system and be able to send parents automatic badges, certificates and notes about the excellent work or behaviour of their child. Parents will receive this instantly to their device at any time of the day.

Next week, all parents will receive a letter with a further explanation of the app and also a unique code to enter once the app has been downloaded. This will then have you up and running.

Here is a link to the website if you would like to look at this further

<https://marvellousme.com/>

## New canopy in our EYFS setting

Over the summer holidays we invested in a new canopy for EYFS setting. This enables us to provide the children and staff with better outdoor learning provision in all types of weather. It has been a great hit and very beneficial so far.

You will also notice that we are having some new playground equipment installed in the KS2 area. This should be completed by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your co-operation while this work has been taking place.

## E-Safety

Safeguarding is always at the forefront of our minds and with this in mind, may I draw your attention to an attached flyer that highlights the importance of staying safe online for our children.



### Upcoming Dates

10.9.18 – Cricket coaching for Year 1 & 2

**Please ensure FULL SCHOOL PE KITS are in school at all times**

12.9.18 – KS1 & Rec meet the teachers meeting at 3.30pm

13.9.18 – KS2 meet the teachers meeting at 3.30pm

**Please note all children & siblings will be supervised in the school hall at this time while parents go to classrooms for the meetings. The meetings will be no longer than 30 minutes.**

14.9.18 – Year 4 start swimming sessions

21.9.18 – Mr Linnane, headteacher of St Nicholas Breakspear school to talk to year 5 & 6 parents at 9am