



# St Bernadette Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a very enjoyable Christmas and new year!

The children have arrived back energised and ready to take on the next term. They have had a very busy week, taking part in topic workshops and hitting the ground running with the next part of the curriculum.

Please may I formally thank you all for the lovely Christmas gifts both SLT, teachers, teaching assistants and office staff received before Christmas. These are really not expected but received with real gratitude.

We have a very busy half term ahead of us, with lots of sporting events, a Fit4Kids workshop for all year groups, class trips away and parent meetings for specific year groups. I will attach these dates to this newsletter but have also updated the calendar on the website and will continue to do so regularly. **PLEASE**, if you haven't already, follow us on twitter. Teachers are continuously updating this page with class news and pictures.

As some of you may be aware the final date for submitting school applications for reception places is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We have already had a huge amount of applications, something as a community we are very pleased and proud of. The Nursery open mornings are scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9.30am and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. These dates are on the website but please feel free to share with families who you know are looking for nursery places.

Before Christmas, we used money from recent FABs events to invest in library resources for each classroom, furniture for the old library so that we have a more suitable intervention room and books for both reading schemes and class topics. None of this would be possible without the FABs organising the events and you as parents supporting them. We genuinely do not have spare funds without this so thank you once again.

With the library and reading in mind, please look out for an information booklet next week on reading. As a school we are having a real push on reading over the next term. It is an essential skill that children need in order to access the rest of the curriculum. In the information sheet I will outline the reading expectations for all year groups and provide you with some helpful tips on reading with your child in our ever busy lives.

Wishing you all once again a very happy new year and I look forward to seeing you all over the course of the next half term.

Kind regards

Mrs Lavelle-Murphy

### **Future dates:**

- 14.1.20 – Naomi Czuba running a dance class for breakfast club
- 16.1.20- Visit from our HIP, Lisa Massey
- 17.1.20 – Year 4 Child Initiated Prayer – Parents welcomed
- 20.1.20 – Reading and attendance information meeting for parents at 2.45pm
- 21.1.20 – Nursery open morning at 9.30am
- 22.1.20 – Football match at home against Mandeville
- 27.1.20 – Year 2 SATs talk for parents at 2.30pm
- 27.1.20 – Year 6 SATs talk for parents at 6.30pm
- 29.1.20 – Nursery open morning at 9.30am
- 29.1.20 – Year 4 Victorian class trip
- 31.1.20 – Fit4Kids – Sport and healthy lifestyle workshops for all classes
- 4.2.20 – Year 6 trip to Anne Frank exhibition
- 10.2.20 – Feeling god week
- 11.2.20 – Internet safety day
- 14.2.20 – Finish for half term at 3.15pm

### **General notices**

It is **not** appropriate for children to come to school with hair dye in their hair. Parents will be formally contacted by the school if this occurs. Hair cuts of both boys and girls should be appropriate for school and long hair should be tied up neatly.

### **PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and footwear in school. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office. Children will not be permitted to take part in PE lessons without the appropriate footwear and kit for safety reasons.

### **Parking**

As we start a new term, please can I remind you to park appropriately and safely at drop off and pick up, being considerate for the community living in the surrounding areas. Thank you in advance.



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# A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only begotten Son to every  
nation

by the guidance of a star.

Bless this home and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ

That our concern for others may reflect your  
love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# New School Clubs



In response to our parents survey, teachers have been working hard to offer further lunch time clubs. Please refer to the website for a full list of the clubs now available:

<https://www.stbernadette.herts.sch.uk/our-school/clubs-and-extra-curricular>

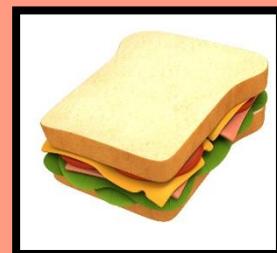




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# Year 3 Instruction Writing



Year 3 had lots of fun writing instructions for making sandwiches! They even had the chance to eat them!



# Topic Workshops



We began our new year topics with some engaging workshops from Altru. The children had a great time learning about their new topics in a very interactive way.

