

# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

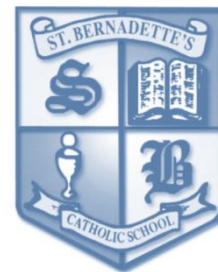
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## Parish Christmas Bazaar

This year the Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Family School at 12 noon**. The parish are currently looking for donations: bottles for the bottle stall (including soft drinks), cakes (in tins or fresh on the day), Biscuits/ sweets etc., small gifts for the lucky dip (up to £2 in value), new and nearly new items, toiletries, unwanted gifts. If you wish to donate any of these please leave them with Fr Philip at the presbytery.

### Year 3 Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion

There will be an enrolment Mass for baptised Catholics in Year 3 who are due to begin preparation for First Holy Communion. This will take place at Holy Family Church at 10.30am on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Winter

As we approach the colder months please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed with a warm winter coat, hat, gloves etc. These should be all clearly labelled with your child's name.



**96% of parents have activated their accounts.**  
**If you have not activated your account please contact the school office.**

## Diary Dates

### 24<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 Enrolment Mass For First Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Family Church

### 27<sup>th</sup> November

Year 4 Mass (School)

### 28<sup>th</sup> November

RSD – Out at the Eco Park

### 29<sup>th</sup> November

St Andrews Day (for 30<sup>th</sup>) Children can wear Blue and White and donate a chocolate bar.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Assessment Week

### 5<sup>th</sup> December

Reception trip to Safari Park

1pm – Year 5 Confessions

RPF – Out at the Eco Park

### 9<sup>th</sup> December

Year 3 – Topic Week

### 10<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am - Year 1 - Play for parents

### 11<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am - Year 2 - Play for parents

Children's Christmas Dinner

### 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am - Nursery - Play for parents

1pm – Year 4 Confessions

### 13<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am - Nursery - Play for parents

100% Attendance Cinema Trip

### 17<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am – Reception - Play for parents

6pm – Year 5 & 6 Carol Service

### 18<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 – Whole school Mass – Holy Family Church

2pm – Parents Forum

### 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party Afternoon

### 20<sup>th</sup> December

100% attenders to wear own clothes

Feast of St John the Apostle - 4CB - Own clothes.

Finish for Christmas

**Term begins Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### Reflection

*"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."*

**Pope Francis**

## St Andrews Day

We will be celebrating St Andrews' Day on 29<sup>th</sup> November (for 30<sup>th</sup>) in school children are invited to wear blue and white on this day and donate a chocolate bar for the Parish Christmas Bazaar.

## Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to take class and family photos. If you would like photographs taken with younger siblings who do not attend St Bernadette's you should have completed the request letter. For those who completed this letter please come to the school office 8.25am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



## Advent

Advent begins on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Advent is a time of unity and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. The children will have a special service in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Life Bus

The Life Bus will visit school from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. During this time the children will be given the opportunity to visit the Life Bus and learn about the following topics: feelings, choices, keeping healthy and about the dangers of drugs. There will be a Parents session for those wishing to attend, at 8.45 – 9am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Closures Due to Snow/Bad Weather

If there is bad weather, and in the unlikely event that the school needs to close, please listen to the local radio station. The school texting service, school website and school Twitter feed will also be used to inform parents. If you do not receive a text by 8am then assume that the school will be open as normal. If there is a blanket closure by Birmingham City Council then we will close. Please note: school will do a risk assessment of the site when making the decision. It is up to you as parents to risk assess your journey to school to ensure the children arrive safely.

## Attendance

Well done to the following children for having the best attendance in their keystage this week. **Fs/KS1-2COT** **KS2 – 6ZB**. Remember each child with an attendance of 98% or above for the term will be entered into a prize draw. The class with the best attendance at the end of term will be rewarded with a cinema trip.



## Year 6 Confirmation

The year 6 Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7am at Holy Family Church. We ask that the children arrive at Church, in full winter uniform, with their sponsor for 6.30pm. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the important sacrament.

## Punctuality

If your child is late after 8.45am but before 9am they must enter through the Keystage 2 doors where they will be required to be signed so that they can receive a late mark. Only children coming after 9am should be brought through the office so that their absence from registration can be recorded. Please note: lateness after 9am can affect a child's overall attendance percentage.

## Attendance Fines

Last academic year there were a total of 11 families who received fines for persistent absence or taking holiday during term time. A further 4 families have been fined for holidays during term time since September. Please ensure that you work with school when attendance has been identified as a concern, to ensure that fines do not have to be allocated.

## After School Clubs for Autumn Term 2019

Club	Cost	Day	Member of Staff
KS1 Dodgeball (Y1 & 2)	£15.00	Monday	Mr Wayne
KS2 Cricket	£15.00	Monday	Mr Carroll
Year 3 & 4 Archery	£15.00	Tuesday	Mr Baker
Year 4, 5 and 6 Dance	£15.00	Tuesday	Jade (JDC)
Year 3, 4 and 5 Ji-Jitsu	£15.00	Wednesday	Penny Marshall
Year 4, 5 and 6 Netball	£15.00	Wednesday	Mrs Baker & Mrs Robinson
KS1 Dance (Year 1 and 2)	£15.00	Thursday	Jade

### Christmas Plays and Events

The times and dates of Christmas Plays and Events can be found below. Please note: if you are attending, **punctuality is a must as late entry will not be permitted.**

Please ensure you leave enough time to arrive punctually.



### Mobile Phone Policy

In order to safeguard the well-being and welfare of our students St Bernadette's has devised a mobile phone policy for all parents/carers and visitors – a copy of this is attached to the is newsletter.

Please ensure that you read the policy and adhere to it whilst on site. As a result of this policy the taking of photographs/videos will not be permitted during the children's productions.

Photographs of children whose parents have given consent, on the consent forms distributed earlier in the term, will have a group photography taken which can be viewed on the school website.

### Collection of Pupils

If you are asking another parent/person to collect your child you will need to telephone the school office to let them know in advance. The message will then be pass on to whichever teacher is dismissing the children. For safeguarding reasons, we will not release pupils without this direct permission (unless the person is listed as a named contact). I make no apologies for this lead of safeguarding and appreciate the patience of parents collecting if checks need to be made. Thank you



### Children in Need

A big thank you to all who raised money for Children in Need by wearing odd socks to school. A special well done to Inayah in RSD who donated £21 from her own savings for the worthy cause. It was lovely to see our children being loving and compassionate to the needs of others. A total of **£174.03** was raised.

### Year 4 Film Festival

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 4 Film Festival last week. The children were raising money for the Acorns Children's Hospice and thanks to your generous donations a total of **£213.49** was raised. Thank you







## The Sun Newspaper – Books for Schools

The Sun Newspaper has launched a 'Books for Schools' campaign which gives primary school the chance to get a free pack of books worth more than £600!

To do this, however, we have to collect 3500 tokens. The Sun will start printing tokens on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and continue until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please send any tokens to the school office. Thank you

## RSE Meetings

Thank you to the parents that attended the recent RSE meetings held at school which outlined the content of lessons to be taught at St Bernadette's if you were unable to attend the meeting further information regarding the "Life to the Full" programme can be accessed through the online parent portal at

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parental-portal>

The login details required are

<b>School Login</b>	st-bernadettes-b28
<b>School password</b>	plant-rain-14

**Further details can also be found on the school website.**

### Parental Support Advisor

Mrs Shalvey will be unavailable to support parent's week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December due to undertaking Jury Service. We apologise for any disruption caused.

### Assessment Week

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December is assessment week in school. Please ensure all children are attending school to complete these assessments.



### How to care for the environment

*Walk or ride a bike to school*

Abada – 4CB

### Today's top tip for staying safe online is...

*'Never give out your password'*

### Apply to the EN Settlement Scheme (Settled and pre-settled status)

If you are an EN, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EN settlement scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If your application is successful, you will get either settled or pre-settled status. (The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. You may be able to [stay in the UK without applying](#) - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain. Please follow the link below in order to complete your application.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>



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## MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR PARENTS/ CARERS AND VISITORS

### Introduction:

At St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, the welfare and well-being of our students is paramount. This policy on use of mobile phones in school and whilst with students has been drawn up in the best interests of student safety and staff professionalism.

### Related Policies:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Educational Visits
- Acceptable Use Policy

### Use of mobile phones Parents/ Carers and Visitors:

All visitors whilst on school premises **MUST** switch off their mobile phones and refrain from using them for the duration of their visit.

Unless permission is granted by the Senior Leadership Team, mobile phones or any other device capable of recording images, **MUST NEVER** be used to take photographs in the school building or grounds

**Except in an emergency**, we request that whilst in school Parents/Carers and Visitors do not use mobile phones or any other device capable of recording images in the school building or grounds.

**In order to keep our children safe, we very much appreciate our Parents/Carers and Visitors support in implementing this policy**

## Special Certificates

Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done to the following children:

<b>Nursery (Blue)</b>	Jude	For a fantastic family picture.	<b>Nursery (Red)</b>	Freddie	For his fantastic numeracy work.
<b>Nursery (Green)</b>	Aaron	For lovely manners.	<b>Nursery (Yellow)</b>	Archie	For being a great friend.
REF	Archie	For wonderful writing.	3TK	Niah	For trying hard in Maths.
	Danielle	For being a very kind and caring friend.		Alexa	For working hard in English.
RPF	Ezra	For his amazing phonics work.	4AH	Hermon	For brilliant work on TTRS
	Kieron	For writing an amazing sentence in Literacy.		Leona	For her super work in English.
RSD	Hennessey	For writing her name beautifully.	4CB	Aara	For being brave at swimming.
	Iga	For working hard with c-v-c words.		Octavia	For an awesome Roman homework project.
1SF	Hollie	For excellent behaviour.	4CM	Julia	For being a perfect role model.
	John-Junior	For welcoming our new boy so well.		Romeo	For working hard in English.
1SJ	Finley	For working hard in Maths.	5AB	Mohammed	For working very hard in all subjects.
	Josh	For being funny, positive and hard working.		Sara	For beautiful manners.
1SMCG	Charlie	For super Maths work.	5EB	Lucy	For great effort in all areas of work.
	Lily	For Learning her lines for the nativity play.		Jamal	For hard work in all lessons.
2COT	Sean	For being an excellent role model.	5JR KS	Sughra	For a superb attitude to all areas of learning.
	James	For being an excellent role model.		Miley	For trying hard in all areas of the curriculum.
2EL	Junior	For excellent effort with his phonics.	6AMJ	Keith	For being a very helpful pupil.
	Maisy-Mae	For being such a kind and considerate person all the time.		Raaina	For being a kind and helpful child.
2RW	Romayah	For her superb answering skills.	6KL	Jack	For such lovely manners
	Rylan	For working hard in Maths.		Tianna	For always being such a star.
3EG	China	For always being sensible.	6ZB	Rian	For a fantastic effort in his English work.
	Aisha	For being polite.		Aleksander	For always being friendly and polite.
3EH	Tilly-Bleu	For great enthusiasm for Topic.			
	Tia	For being sensible and mature.			



The Year of the Word  
'The God Who Speaks'  
30th Sep'19 – 31st Dec '20

*celebrating, living and sharing God's word*

Launch: 30th September 2019 – The Feast of St Jerome  
Campaign Year Begins: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 – The First Sunday of Advent.

An initiative announced in February 2019 by The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales dedicated the Year 2020 to Sacred Scripture. It has been given the name "The God Who Speaks" and it takes the Bible as its focus. It takes place in cooperation with the British Bible Society and it offers all Catholics an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. We are invited to listen afresh to the Word of God, as did Our Blessed Lady at the Annunciation, to encounter anew the presence of the Word, and to proclaim it afresh in the Church and the World.

Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities. There will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's Word.

The year will also serve to commemorate two important anniversaries of Scripture's role in the Church;

2020 will mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini;

It is also the 1,600th anniversary of St. Jerome's death, whose Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible served the Western Church up until the last century. For Catholics all over the world, St Jerome is a very important Saint and Biblical scholar. While here in School, he is especially important, as our Library was recently dedicated to him by Archbishop Longley.

As a Scripture scholar, St Jerome is usually depicted with the Bible by which he receives divine inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Angels are believed to have visited Jerome regularly to help him with his commentaries, and with his failing eyesight; we might like to think of it as a sort of spiritual dictation. St Jerome is also often depicted with a model of a typical 15th century Italian Church because St. Jerome is one of the four Doctors of the Church, together with St. Ambrose, St. Augustine and St. Gregory the Great, and he is also, a Father of the Church. These two symbols of Bible and Church represent St Jerome's life-long faith and vocation to the word of God.

*"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life." / John 1:1*