

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

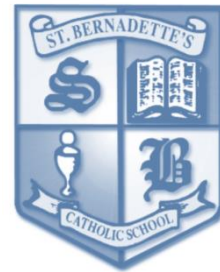
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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy New Year and I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas. As we begin another national lockdown, I hope that this message finds you and your families safe and well. We know the distress this lockdown may cause and how much your child will be missing school if they are not able to attend. During this period, if you find you are struggling or need support, please look at the pastoral section of the school website which provides links to organisations and services which may be able to offer advice and support - www.stberns.co.uk/pastoral-support. Please know that we are also at the end of the phone/ email if you need anything.

However, as we have been through this before, we are now better equipped with how to deal with this situation knowing that there is an end point in sight. Hopefully, you have managed to establish a routine with your children regarding completion of online work that is being set on Tapestry for children in Nursery and Reception and Seesaw for Y1-6. We have included in this newsletter a timetable of which days work is set, so that you are able to organise your day. Online work should be completed each day and will be marked by teachers and feedback given.

If you have any queries regarding your child's work please email the staff on the year band emails, during working hours (8.00am – 5.30pm) and they will endeavour to support you as best they can. Just to remind you, the year band emails follow the same format which is the child's year band followed by @stberns.bham.sch.uk, so if a child is in Reception the email address is reception@stberns.bham.sch.uk or in Year 1 it is year1@stberns.bham.sch.uk etc.

Hopefully, we will all be back together after half-term, but until then let's work together to ensure our children are given as much support as possible with their learning each day.

Welcome

We welcomed Mrs Hussain and Miss Smith to the St Bernadette's teaching team this week. Although it was not the best of weeks for them to start, due to the current lockdown, they have both settled well and we hope that you will continue to make them feel welcome.

Schooling for Key Workers

A team of staff are coming into school each day to provide schooling for those children whose parents who are regarded as key workers. Many of our parents work in the hospital or in care homes and are needed more than ever in their work place. Please remember to ensure that your child arrives in school between 8.00am and 8.30am. Thank you.

At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

Online Learning

Your child should now be accessing online learning each day. This is set using Tapestry for Nursery and Reception Children and Seesaw for children in Y1-6. Children should already have the passwords to access these programs in their diaries as homework was set using Seesaw last term.

Below are timetables of when work is to be completed.

Nursery

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics	Phonics	RE	Phonics	Phonics
Maths	Literacy	Topic	Maths	Physical Development
Topic	Physical Development	Story	Literacy	Story

Reception

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
Literacy	Literacy	Maths	Maths	PE
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading

Year 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	English
RE	Topic	Science	PE	Story Time

Year 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	English
RE	Science	Topic	RE	Science

Year 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	English
RE	Science	Topic	RE	Science

Year 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	English
RE	Science	Topic	Science	RE

Year 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	English	English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Topic	RE	Science	Topic
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Year 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	English	English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
RE	Science	Topic	Science	RE
Topic	PE		PE	

Seesaw can be accessed on phones, tablets, laptops, Xbox live, PS4 consoles or Kindle Fire.

Accessing Seesaw via the Xbox:

1. Plug a keyboard in to the USB slot
2. Go into my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Go to <https://www.google.com/>
5. Search for Seesaw
6. To move around you can use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse

Accessing Seesaw via the PlayStation:

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (www.)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go into library and find options for games and applications
4. Go to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Go to <https://www.google.com/>
6. Search for Seesaw
7. To move around you can use the controller or plug in a mouse.

Year 4 First Holy Communions

It is with great sadness and regret that I have to, yet again, postpone the First Holy Communions for our Year 4 children that were scheduled to take place in February due to the current lockdown. As soon as we are able, we will set a new date and forward this to parents. Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding this.



Congratulations!

Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Ms Finnegan has given birth to a healthy baby girl called Olive just before Christmas. We wish Ms Finnegan all the joy and happiness that motherhood brings.

Thought For the Day

Today be thankful and think how rich you are. Your Family is priceless, your time is gold, and your health is wealth.

A message to the children

This week many of you have had to miss school because of the new national lockdown. Your parents have had to keep you at home as part of keeping everyone safe but hopefully, we will all be back together after half term. In the meantime, we are working hard to provide you and your parents with online work to do through your Tapestry and Seesaw accounts. Your teachers will be setting you work to do each day and commenting on your efforts so you know how you have got on. I hope you enjoy these activities and working with your parents from home. In this newsletter, there are timetables showing what work should be completed each day. Try to get this done so that your learning continues whilst you are at home.

We also want you to know just because you are not in school, you have not been forgotten - we will keep on loving you even though we won't be able to see you every day for a while. The staff in school will carry on thinking about you every single day. They will laugh and remember the joy that you have brought, and will wonder if you are still getting better at your arithmetic, times tables, handwriting and your reading. More importantly, We hope that you are trying hard to help your parents at home and doing the very important jobs we have all been given to help stop the spread of the coronavirus STAYING AT HOME and WASHING YOUR HANDS!

During this time there are a few things I would like you to remember:

- Don't be frightened. You may hear some things that you are worried about, but these are not worries for you. Tell someone you trust about your worries and let them look after it for you.
- The children who are in school and in the weeks to come, are not more special than you. We are going to be looking after them so that their parents can go to work and do some really important jobs to help others.
- People are talking to each other and are offering to help each other more. This is a very good thing; please make sure you do that too. Be kind, helpful and generous in the days ahead and please don't argue with your family.
- Even though you will be missing some school, you can still learn and try your best at everything you do.

You are such special children.

Although we won't see each other for a period of time, please keep singing, playing, making, drawing, writing, problem-solving, praying and learning about our amazing world. May God bless each and every one of you and your parents.

Online Masses

Should you or your children wish to attend online Mass during the lockdown there are a number of churches providing this service, including Holy Family. The schedule for Masses at Holy Family is:

Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00 pm
Sunday Masses	10.30 am & 5.15 pm
Tue-Sat Masses	10.30 am

The online streaming can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLCr9YrpRgE&feature=youtu.be>

Attached to the newsletter is a list of other churches which are providing online Masses and the times for these.

SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

January 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Occupational Therapy

Stability Ability — raising awareness of the importance of core stability in completing everyday activities and strategies to help.

Speakers: Janet Tighe, Sarah Gallagher, Katie Richards and Gordon Heath (SEND Occupational Therapists)

Tuesday 12th January- Older Primary and Secondary Age Children

Wednesday 13th January- Early Years and Primary Age Children

Tuesday 12th January 2021

at 10.30 am – 11.30am –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-ot-stability-ability-for-older-primary-and-secondary-age-pupils-tickets-133842515567>

Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 1.30pm – 2.30 pm –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-ot-stability-ability-for-early-years-and-primary-age-pupils-tickets-133845101301>



Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

For the health workers tending the seriously ill

for the scientists working on a vaccination

for the researchers analysing data and identifying trends

for the media outlets working to communicate reality

for the supermarket workers, hygiene and sanitation providers

for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning

for the singing from balconies by locked-down communities

for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness

for the notes through letterboxes offering help and support

for the internet and telephones and technology that connects

for the awakened appreciation of what is truly important

Thanks be to God.