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# Reception Welcome Meeting 2019



# Staff

REF

Miss Finnegan and Mrs Robbins

RPF

Miss Fullerton and Mrs Heeley

RSD

Miss Deards and Miss O'Neill



# Morning and Afternoons



- Doors open at 8:35 and close at 8:45am
- Home time doors open at 2:55 and close at 3.10
- Friday is 1.55-2.10
- Home time can be a little chaotic at RPF/RSM doors as two classes are being dismissed at once.
- Our main priority is the safety of each child and therefore we do need your co-operation and patience. Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child
- Any concerns or messages will be taken at the door and teachers will be available at 3:10

# Lunchtime



Free school meals are now available for children up to Year 2.

- Parents should have completed their menu choice. If you have not please go to the office.
- There will usually be a choice of meat, fish and a baguette/sandwich
- At the start of lunch, each child is given a coloured band which corresponds to the meal choice you have selected.





# Lunchtime

- Packed lunches should be healthy options Monday to Thursday. No sweets or chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks
- Friday is a treat day where one treat is permitted in the lunch box. Also as a sign of obligation, we ask for children to refrain from eating meat on this day.
- You need to inform the office if you wish to change from dinners to lunchbox or vice versa.





# Reading



- Children to bring reading bags every day.
- Please check reading bags for letters every night.
- Reading records will be used as a form of communication between school and home.
- Children need to learn the sound of each letter initially which helps with word building.
- The children will be given a word wall.
- While we continue to assess and get to know the children we will be sending home a picture book to encourage speaking and listening and a 'free choice' story for you to read with them.
- A reading meeting will take place on **23rd September at 2pm.**

# Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Throughout the Reception year children work towards the Early Learning Goals. By the end of Reception some children will have achieved or indeed exceeded the ELGs. Those children who are still working towards achieving the ELGs on exit from Reception will continue to do so into Year 1.



Within the theme of Learning and Development  
there are seven areas.

The three Prime Areas are:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Development

The specific areas are:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

# Homework

- Every **Friday** your child will bring home a homework book which has to be returned on **Tuesday**.
- We ask for just one page of the book to be completed each week.
- We will start with homework next Friday.

# PE

- P.E bags are left in school for each half term.
- All kits need to be named
- Children need to be encouraged to dress and undress independently.
- NB: Children need to have a coat in school everyday





# Trips



During your child's time in Reception they will have the opportunity to go on a variety of trips to enhance their learning and provide lots of hands on experiences.

To ensure your child goes on all trips it is essential that consent forms are signed and sent back to ensure your child is able to take part in all trips.

Please note, there will be a cost involved for all trips.

# EcoPark

Each Thursday a class in Reception will visit the EcoPark. Please ensure they have wellies and waterproof coat with a hood as we will still go if it is raining. They will need a warm hat, gloves and a scarf in winter months.



# After School Clubs

- There may be the opportunity for your child to participate in after school clubs.
- Please look out for letters.





# What you can do at home

- Counting to 20 and recognising numbers
- Number and letter formation
- Recognising and writing own name
- If your child has access to a computer allowing them to use the mouse to move object using click, drag and drop.
- Colouring
- Cutting exercises
- Help your child to dress and undress
- Ensure that your child gets to bed on time
- Visit our school website



# Uniform

- Winter Uniform
- No earrings
- No big bows
- No shaved lines or patterns
- Small hair accessories only. They must be blue, black or grey
- No trainers or boots
- Tights to be plain grey or black



# Saints Days

Each class has a dedicated Saint that they will learn about throughout the year. On their feast day the children can wear their own clothes to school.

REF – St. David's Day – 28<sup>th</sup> February

RSD– St. Joseph – 19<sup>th</sup> March

RPF– Our Lady of Lourdes – 11<sup>th</sup> February

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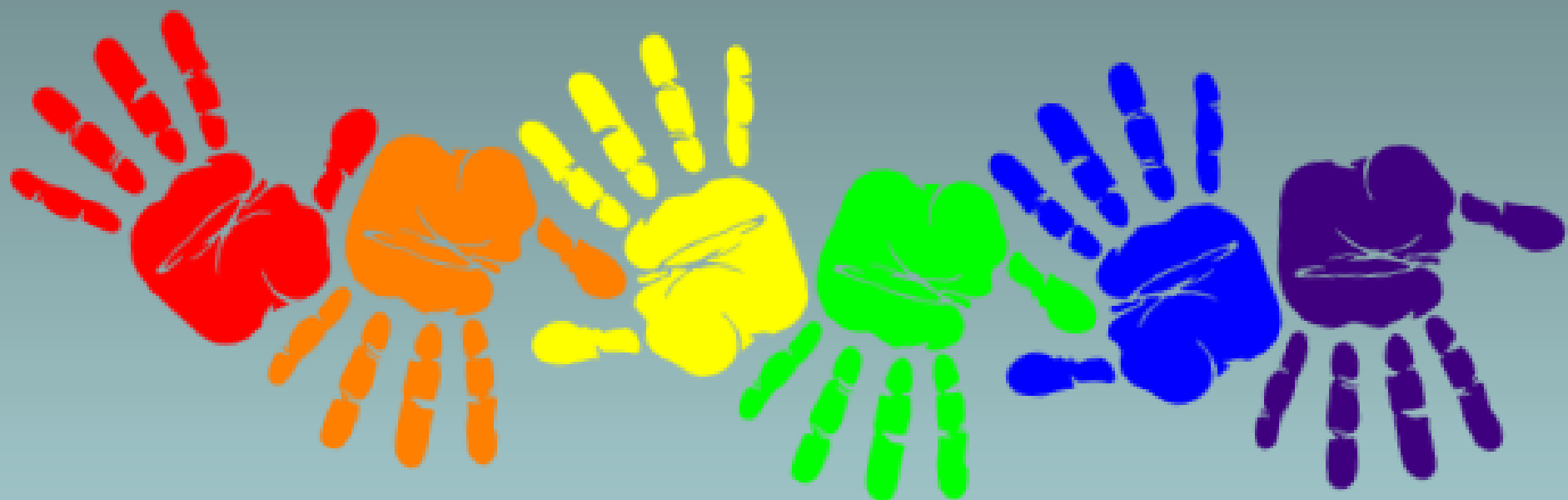
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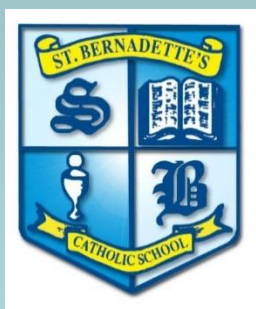
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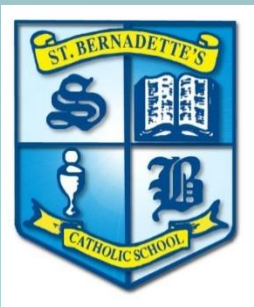
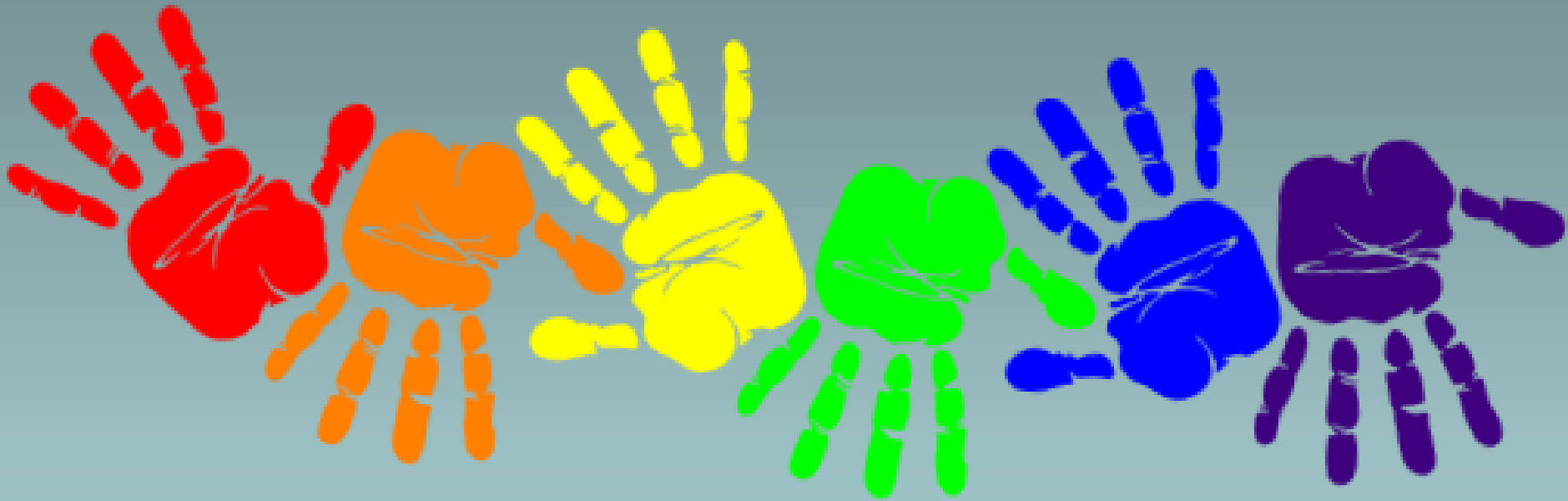
# Governor for Reception

Mrs Boyle is the Governor for Reception. She attended St. Bernadette's and her children now attend. She is also a teacher of English in a Solihull secondary school.



Proud Clouds





# Tapestry

Online Learning Journal

# Tapestry

- An Online learning journal system.
- Staff record children's progress and activities using tablet devices and PCs.
- Parents can view their child's journal on mobile devices and on their home computers, and can make observations of their own using a secure login system.

# Why are we using Tapestry?

- It creates a two way communication between us, and you (the parents and carers).
- We can upload flexible media meaning you can see pictures and videos of what your children are really up to at school.
- Greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home.
- Unlike a physical, hard copy book, it's easy to share with groups of relatives, such as extended families, separated parents and relatives living overseas.

School Website [www.stberns.co.uk](http://www.stberns.co.uk)



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# Thank-you

A big thank you for all of your help and support.

