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## *Newsletter - September*

A huge thank you to you all for adapting to the new routines especially the entrance and exit system. As I am sure, you can appreciate, there are many considerations currently and we may have to make small changes to ensure the continued safety of our community.

All of our new Reception children are now in school full time. It has been lovely to meet and welcome the children into our school community. We look forward to getting to know all the parents and carers who are new to our school.

We are able to share our Whole School Worships and Golden Talent award assemblies via Teams. Whilst it is very different, it is a wonderful way of making sure the whole school feels connected.

### **Come Together through Christ**

All the staff have commented on how successful this time has been in school. The children have been able to reflect on the scripture readings each week. They have shared their thoughts and feelings and this has translated in some very thoughtful pieces of artwork.

This prayer was written by one of our children in school after listening to Psalm 139.

Father God

Thank you for creating me

You are my father

You are my best friend

You love me and I love you

You know all my actions even before I do them

You know what I shall say even before I say it

You knew what I looked like before I was born.

Amen

## PARENTS' REFLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER

In school, we subscribe to Ten: Ten who provide super resources and materials to support prayer and liturgy across school. They also provide a monthly parent reflection at <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

### Health and Safety Update

The school receives daily updates from the Department for Education relating to the health and safety procedures relating to Coronavirus.

New guidance states that in the event of a single confirmed case the school will no longer be required to contact Public Health first and will not need to await Public Health advice before directing staff / pupils to self-isolate. The Department for Education will provide guidance through this process. The Head teacher and Governors will send home a letter to those pupils involved. This letter will explain all the procedures for parents and carers to follow.

In the event of two or more cases from different households, Public Health must be contacted directly.

**The DFE has also sent schools a poster for parents and carers (see attached) which is a quick guide to COVID-19 and absence. It is important that all parents and carers follow this guidance so that we can protect everyone in our school community.**

### Free School Meals – Absence from school due to COVID-19

If your child is, absent from school due to COVID-19, and they are currently eligible for free schools meals based on the household income, the school kitchen will be able to provide a packed lunch for your child. You will need to request this by contacting the school office by 9.30 a.m. each morning a lunch is required. You will need to arrange for the lunch to be collected at 11.30 a.m. from the school entrance. Please ring school if you are struggling, as we might be able to enlist the help of volunteers to deliver meals.

## Home Learning Guidance

- **Your child is absent due to non-Covid symptoms**- there is no requirement to do Home Learning.
- **Your child is at home with symptoms relating to Covid and is awaiting the results of a test**- there is no requirement to do Home Learning.
- **Your child is at home with no symptoms of Covid and is isolating due to another family member showing symptoms of Covid and awaiting the results of a test**- the teacher will send home a Home Learning timetable with links to Oak National Academy. Children in Reception and Year 1 will receive activities from the teacher.
- **Your child is at home isolating due to the closure of their 'school bubble'** - Each child will be sent home with a Home Learning book (CGP) bundle and the teacher will send home a timetable with links to Oak National Academy. The teacher will run a weekly Teams meeting and will be able to answer questions by email.

## Every Mind Matters

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people’s mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

The new advice available on the Every Mind Matters website has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people’s mental health charities, including Young Minds, The Mix, Place2Be and The Anna Freud Centre. It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

## Parent Consultations

As parents and carers cannot come into school, we will not have our traditional parents’ evening this term. We aim to run parent consultations via Teams. These will take place over several weeks. I will send more information next half term. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if you have any questions, concerns or generally want to give positive feedback.

## Royal Society's Science Book Awards

Years 5 and 6 have been selected by the Royal Society to form a judging panel for this year's Young Person's Book Award. We will receive free copies of the shortlisted books and the children will be able to read all the books. They will then choose which book they think should be the winner.

### ONLINE AUTHOR VISITS

We are hoping to arrange book talks across the school by linking up online with authors. This half term Years 5 and 6 will each have a book talk by Sufiya Ahmed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. She will be talking to the children about her book, which tells the story of Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan. Noor was a brave British-Indian woman who was Winston Churchill's spy in the Second World War.

### Communication with Class Teachers

Please use class emails for daily communication with class teachers:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Email</b>
Apple	apple@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
Oak	oak@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
Elm	elm@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
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Thank you for your continued support

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