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Christmas Newsletter 2020

"The Lord comes that we might find him in this world of ours."

Laudato Si' #236

At St Bernadette's we continue to share God's light in these uncertain times.

I cannot tell you how relieved I am that the children and staff have generally remained in good health this term. Through our combined efforts, we have managed to keep every year group in school for the full term. We sincerely thank you all for following the health and safety guidelines we have set out throughout this term. These will continue next term.

Even though the staff in school and in our Out of School Club were anxious about the Coronavirus risks to the children's health and their own, they have all worked tirelessly to make sure the children feel happy and secure. I cannot thank them enough.

The children have been wonderful and we hope that they can enjoy the Christmas break knowing that we will be there to welcome them back on Monday 4th January.

Important Notice Relating To Contact Tracing over the Christmas Break.

Lancashire Education Authority has sent schools guidance.

If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for Coronavirus in the 'window' of 48 hours after the school closes on Friday 18th December, contact

head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk

The school will then contact the relevant parents to inform them that their child needs to isolate.

Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term- Monday 4th January.

EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY

Parents and carers of children in Apple, Oak and Elm class can now view their child's Nativity on our school website.

<https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/eyfs-and-ks1-nativity/>

You should have received the password through ParentApp. There is something truly special about these performances this year. Even though there have been many barriers the children have still been able to share the Christmas story.

Lancaster South Refugee Appeal

You have raised £204 for the Lancaster South Refugee Appeal. This is an amazing total. Thank you for your kind donations.

The Friends of St Bernadette's

The Friends have raised £1485.59 this term. This includes the money from the Christmas Raffle. These donations will be able to support the school in 2021. A big thank you goes to the committee for their hard work in such difficult circumstances



Skipping into the New Year

As we look for new ways for our pupils to stay active and improve mental and physical well-being, we have recently ordered a skipping rope for each pupil (#RopestopupilsChristmas) from Dan the Skipping Man.

This is a gift to say a big thank you for their hard work this year.

Your child will be receiving their skipping rope very shortly, if they have not already. The aim is for the skipping ropes to be used alongside the video resources online from Dan the Skipping Man. After the Christmas break we would like the children to bring the skipping ropes back to school, so they can be kept within their class bubble. They will be used in PE lessons and break times when they are permitted to carry on with this great initiative.

For guidance and inspiration, see our website

<https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/keeping-healthy/>

Here is your welcome video to give your child some motivation to get started

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WUxZOLgaqJS3VVJxHRNKNi0UXEj1Bocd/view?usp=sharing>

Please encourage your child to try these new skills, tricks and challenges. This is a great way to stay healthy and most of all have fun!

End of Term Reports

The children in Oak (Year 1) to Sycamore class (Year 6) will bring home their end of term report this afternoon.

Thank you for all your support this term.

All the staff in school wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss R Burke
Acting Headteacher