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## Newsletter – March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a safe, happy and rather busy spring term, we are all looking forward to our Easter break. I hope that this Easter proves to be a positive, happier and more relaxed one. It does seem that with the sun shining, vaccines being rolled out and our children safe and in school that the world around us is just that little bit brighter.

This month has marked a year since the first lock down. Who could have known what was to come? I hope that this Holy week, we all take the time we need to reflect on the enormity of the situation, the impact Covid – 19 has had on all of us and how remarkable we are as a community. Whilst this was never the start to headship I had imagined, it has been a rollercoaster of a ride! I am privileged and honoured to be part of the wonderful family at St Bernadette's and I very much look forward to meeting many more of you as we return to a more normal way of life.

As we reach the end of Lent and look forward to Easter, may we all feel the love of Jesus, as we remember his great sacrifice for all of us. Then on Easter Sunday to take hope and comfort in the celebration of his resurrection.

***"But the Angel spoke and said to the women 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen as he said he would.'"  
Matthew 28: 5 -6***





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## **End of Term Reports**

Tomorrow your child(ren) will bring home their 'End of Term' report. This report will summarise their learning both remotely and the learning that has taken place in school since our return on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Parents evenings to discuss your child(ren)'s progress are being arranged for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May. These parent consultations will be via Teams as they were in the Autumn term. The booking form for these appointments will be made available to you all tomorrow on the school App.

Along with your child's report there is also included your child's absence report. I know that this year has been far from normal. That as parents we have exercised caution in regard to potential symptoms of Coronavirus and kept our children home when under normal circumstances we would have sent them to school. Nonetheless, poor attendance is the main contributor to children not reaching their full potential in school. I have therefore issued absence letters to make you aware of your child's absence percentage if it has fallen below that which is expected.





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## Lent Fundraising

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

We have raised **£520** for our Lenten Charities: -

**CAFOD, SVP, MIND and the NHS.**





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## **Reporting a Positive Coronavirus Test in the Easter Holidays**

Date	Positive case
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	To report this case, mark it as an urgent email and notify <a href="mailto:head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk">head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk</a> Immediately.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	To report this case, mark it as an urgent email and notify <a href="mailto:head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk">head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk</a> Immediately.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April	If your child develops symptoms book and take a test and isolate at home. Parents and careers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.  You do not need to notify school.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April up until our return to school.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If your child develops symptoms book and take a test and isolate at home Parents and careers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.</li> <li>2. You must also notify school. To report this case, mark it as an urgent email and notify <a href="mailto:head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk">head@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk</a> We will respond to your email to give you a date when your child can return to school. This is usually the eleventh day after a positive test without symptoms or 10 days after displaying symptoms and a positive test.</li> <li>3. You must also report positive cases or your requirement to isolate if you have been advised that you have been in contact with a positive case.</li> </ol>





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## **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. On this occasion we will not be able to take family/sibling photos. We will be able to take individual photos and class photos. All photographs will be taken outside and should the weather not be kind to us we will reschedule and advise you of the new date. Children are permitted to return to school in their summer uniform details of which can be found here.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our children and families, to all the school staff to Father Peter and Jennifer for making our Lenten season both fun and full of prayer and reflection.

## **An Easter Prayer**

*Dear Jesus,*

*We greet you with gladness and joy this Easter. We thank you for the gift of new life. Bless our food, our family and our friends and help us to celebrate springtime in our hearts as we rejoice in the good news of your resurrection. Alleluia. Amen*

Have a safe and happy holiday and I will see again when school opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The current bubble start and finish times will still apply.

God bless

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