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## November Newsletter

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Matthew 24:44

Dear Parents and carers,

As we enter the Advent season it is wonderful to be able to reflect on what has been a whirlwind of a half term so far! We have been extremely busy in school with a range of different activities and lots of learning. I am sure that school will continue to be quite the hive of advent preparations as we get ready for Christmas.

This half term, we have enjoyed the company of visitors back in school both in person and virtually. Our friend Rehanna Ali from Building Bridges in Burnley, spent a virtual day visiting all the classes and sharing her faith and practices as a Muslim. The children really enjoyed her visit and learnt a lot about the similarities between Islam and Christianity.



### Art Club

Art club has been a great success and Miss Taylor and Mrs Bergus have shared some wonderful pictures below, we very much hope to run this club again next term.



‘Art Club have enjoyed discovering the exciting colours and vibrancy of marbling. The group have created a sketchbook with a marbled cover; Picasso inspired drawings with mounts. The children have enjoyed self-portraits done by a peer which were Picasso inspired. As a result they have created a wonderful Picasso inspired portrait of their friends. We look forward to many more art creations to be done in the future - it’s an Arty time ahead.’

## Remembrance Service



This year we were led in our Remembrance service by our young prayer leaders, as they undertook their first chaplaincy team duties. They did a super job helping us to think about who, how and why we remember. Thank you to all of you who sent in precious photos of your loved ones who we remembered in our service. Thank you to Father Peter and the parents of the children leading our service, who joined us to remember and pray together.

## Pupil Parliament

Our Laudato Si group, accompanied by Mrs Lewis attended the first ever Pupil Parliament at Lancaster and Morecambe College along with lots of other Lancaster and Morecambe primary schools. They gathered to discuss what action we can take on climate change. We look forward to seeing their plans.



## Safeguarding & Online safety

Please take a minute or two to read through our online safety and safeguarding areas of the website. We have updated much of the documentation on the website. These areas are intended to inform you about how school are preparing our children for life in an ever increasingly digital world. There is also some information to help both you and your child access advice and support should you need it. We will continue to add to and develop these areas in the coming weeks.

## Coronavirus updates

This term continues to be challenging in regard to managing the effects of the continuing pandemic. As I have previously communicated, there continues to be a number of infections in and around our local community. We continue to risk assess every event on an event by event basis, the health and wellbeing of children, staff and their families continues to be our highest priority. Thank you for your support and understanding as we try to ensure our school remains operational and our school community, healthy and safe.

Due to the effect of coronavirus and potential implications as a result of large gatherings we have adapted our usual nativity procedures. Apple, Oak and Elm classes will now hold their own Nativity plays in the school hall. We have made this change so that the children can experience a live audience so that parents and families will be able to enjoy these very special moments in person.

However, tickets will be restricted to two tickets per family and the performances will be over 3 different nights. I appreciate that this may be difficult if you have children in more than one class but when compared with a video performance or no nativity at all, I am sure you will agree this is the best option. More details will follow in due course.

Our Advent service is due to take place on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, I will send information nearer the time as to whether this can be held in church with parents and families or whether it will need to be held in school with the children.

Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and participate in asymptomatic testing where you can.

### **Help your PTA needs you!**

Friends of St Bernadette's PTA are looking for members. We would be grateful for any support you can offer. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the activities we have been able offer and on our membership. We are looking for members with an aptitude for finances, organisational skills and a willingness to support our school in whichever way they can. The friends are not just about raising funds for our school but are also about providing activities and events which bring our school community together. We do ask for a commitment to three meetings a year and as much or as little practical support you can offer – many hands make light work as they say. Please let us know if you can offer any support. We aim to hold a meeting in the new year.

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Please respond to the parental questionnaires being sent out via the App, it is really important that we are able to hear and respond to your views and opinions.

### **Reminders**

Uniform – There is much in the press at the moment regarding uniform and costs. We do have a modest uniform at St Bernadette's and a uniform we are very much proud of. We have added the St Bernadette's hoodie to the uniform in recent years due to the increased ventilation as a result of Coronavirus. These hoodies are not compulsory, your child may wear layers underneath the uniform as and when needed. However if they wish to wear a hoody, it must be the school hoody.

PE uniform – There are a large number of pupils who do not have their PE kits in school. Our PE list can be found on the school website. <https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/uniform/>

Other tracksuits and sports leggings are not permitted.

As ever, should you need and financial support please do contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Issues – If there is something you wish to discuss regarding your child please remember to approach the class teacher in the first instance. This can be done via the class email if you are not able to see your child's class teacher at the beginning or the end of the day.

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Oak Class – [oak@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:oak@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

Elm Class – [elm@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:elm@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

Beech Class – [beech@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:beech@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

Eucalyptus Class – [eucalyptus@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:eucalyptus@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

Willow Class – [willow@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:willow@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

Sycamore Class – [sycamore@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sycamore@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk)

### Dates for your diary

Date	Function
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Virtual Parliament Visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Judge's Lodging's Trips for Apple, Oak and Elm classes – more details will follow
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Own clothes day for donations of Christmas chocolate for the friends Christmas raffle
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomime - Snow White
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Nativity @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Nativity @ 6:30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm + 6pm	Apple class Nativity@ 6:30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Christmas Movie Night – more details to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Friends event Christmas Jumper and Snowman Drive £2 for the Friends of St Bernadette's.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent service 1:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly and the Friends Christmas chocolate Raffle School closes @2pm

God bless,  
Mrs Shoulder