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February Newsletter

'Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.' Luke 6:20-21

As we approach the half term break, I would like to thank you for your help, support and understanding in what has proved to be the most demanding and complicated period to date! We have managed to contain several outbreaks with your help and as a result, any disruption to normal learning has been kept to a minimum. Our children as always have been wonderful, adapting to isolation bubbles like professionals and as a school family we have got through it together.

As restrictions lift and some of us are able to take that postponed holiday or go on the family trip that was cancelled because of Covid, we may be tempted to take the children out of school for a few days here and there. Whilst I am not unsympathetic to the stress and strain of the Covid pandemic or the disappointment of cancellations and lost bookings, I must remind you that our policy on requests for holidays during school time remains the same. I am not able to authorise term-time holidays or grant leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. I mention this as there has been a marked increase in the number of holiday forms submitted. Our children have missed so much of normal schooling due to the pandemic and every day in school is important.

Online Safety

We have had a wonderful week in school learning about how to keep ourselves safe online and what we need to do if we come across something or someone who makes us feel unsure, sad, confused or upset. We have updated our online safety page, which can be found here <https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/keeping-safe-online/>. If you need any help or advice about keeping your children safe when they are online, please do get in touch and we will be happy to support you.

Congratulations to our Online Safety Competition winners: in Apple class, Amber, in Key Stage One, Isabel and in Key Stage Two, Olivia. Thank you Ileri, our head boy, for setting the competition and for conducting a survey about Online Safety with everyone in Key Stage 2.

Well done to everyone who sent in a competition entry. Look out on the school blog to see all of your wonderful work.

Food bank Fridays

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative. It is wonderful as a school community to be able to help and support others. Morecambe Bay food bank will be collecting your donations and we know it will make a real difference.

We will continue to collect food donations on a Friday and throughout Lent. Please donate as much as you can.

We have also sent up a fund in school to help members of our own school community in challenging times, please speak to Mrs Maudsley if you would like to make a donation.



Lenten Journey Planner

Mrs Bramhall has been busy organising our Lenten Journey plans for after half term. We will be joining CAFOD's walk for hunger and have set ourselves the target of walking to Jerusalem. We will be undertaking a sponsored daily mile; we will be undertaking a pilgrimage to the Cathedral, counting our steps to and from school. We will also be taking part in lots of fun Friday activities for a range of different causes.

Alongside our alms-giving this Lent, we will be preparing ourselves through scripture and prayers as we ready ourselves to remember greatest sacrifice. We hope to hold our Easter service back in the church and it is planned that the children will attend an Ash Wednesday service and Father Peter will be undertaking Stations of Cross with Key Stage 2.



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Mental health Week



We haven't forgotten 'Mental Health week'. We have postponed our awareness week as it clashed with our Online Safety week and instead we will be holding our 'Mental Health Week' 16th – 20th May. We have some wonderful events already planned and we are sure the children will really enjoy and benefit from it.

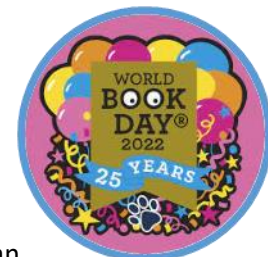
World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day!

In 2022, it is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children, 'You are a Reader'.

At St Bernadette's, we are going to focus on non-fiction this year. This is such an exciting area. The children can come to school dressed as anything or anyone from a non-fiction book. Come as a historical figure, a dinosaur, a part of the body, an inspirational person, a planet... the list is never-ending!

We would also like your child to make their own non-fiction book illustrating their own interests.





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Welfare Post

Are you or do you know someone who would make a wonderful lunchtime welfare supervisor at St Bernadette's? If you are interested, please do let us know.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Donation
Fairtrade Fortnight	14 th – 25 th February	
Parents evenings – face to face		
Super Sharer afternoons Apple class	Week beginning 14 th march	
Own clothes day	Friday 25 th February	Easter chocolate for the Friend's Raffle
World Book day Non-Fiction Dressing up Day	Friday 4 th March	
Pyjama Day	Friday 11 th march	50p
Wacky Hair & Socks Day	Friday 18 th March	50p
Mellow Yellow Day	Friday 25 th March	50p
Easter Service	Monday 28 th March 2pm and 6:30pm Venue TBC	
Easter Gardens competition	Must be in by Friday 1 st April	£1 entry

Have a wonderful half term break, God Bless,

Mrs Shoulder.

