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September Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back everyone! It seems like we have been back for quite some time and school has been a hive of activity! We have been able to hold our welcome back Mass in church this year and Father David is a regular visitor in school. He will be joining a class every Tuesday from here on in, to celebrate their class worships which are led by our children. Our classes will begin attending Masses once each term, on a Friday. Below are the dates when each class will be attending Mass, please join us if you can.

Mass at St Bernadette's @ 9:15am	
Sycamore	Monday 3.10.22
Willow	Monday 10.10.22
Eucalyptus	Monday 17.10.22
Beech	Monday 31.10.22
Elm	Monday 7.11.22
Oak	Monday 14.11.22
Apple	Monday 21.11.22

New Beginnings

We have welcomed prospective families to our school this week, they were very impressed by our school, many of them remarked on how happy and confident our children are and on the warm welcome they received. We have also welcomed new families in Apple class and Sycamore class. Our new friends in Apple class have settled into school really well and have been very busy, as you can see.....



Mrs Hegarty has asked if you have or could collect the following objects for the children to use in Apple class: acorns, pinecones, conkers, seed heads, pumpkin seeds, small pebbles and shells. Thank you



We have been voting for our new School council; well done to: Raphael, Faaiz, Jack, Ysandre, Max, Maia, Rory, Iris, Stephen, Sienna, Seb and Norah I'm sure you will do a really good job alongside Mrs Pilkington working for good of our school community

The Relics of St Bernadette's



It was a very special time for us as the relics of our patron saint visited the Cathedral. Willow class went to see the relics and represent our school. This is what Theo and Sophia had to say about their visit.

'I felt honoured to be part of the Relics tour. The Relics and the Cathedral were beautiful' Sophia YR5

'It was a beautiful experience looking at the Relics. It was all golden with a picture of Mary on it. Theo YR5

If you would like more information about the relics please click on the link. <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>. You can also visit their blog on our school website <https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour/>

Healthy School

At St Bernadette's we recognise the important part a healthy diet plays in a child's well-being and their ability to learn and achieve effectively. We believe that as a school, in partnership with parents and carers, we can make a major contribution to improving children's health by increasing their knowledge and understanding of food and helping them to make healthy food choices.

We have noticed that some of our children are bringing unsuitable snacks for mid-morning break. A piece of fruit is sufficient at break time. Sweets, crisps and biscuits are not supportive of our policy and therefore not permitted.

Please see the link below for our food and drinks policy

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Uniform

We have been very impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return. Our Year 5 pupils looked super smart as they did a wonderful job of showing prospective families around our school.

I would however, like to take this opportunity to share some reminders about our uniform rules:-

- * Children are not permitted to wear large bows and accessories in their hair. Small clips which keep the hair off the face are acceptable.
- * Long hair should be tied up out of the face.
- * Jewellery, with the exception of watches is **not** permitted in school. This rule is due to health and safety rules. If your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks, we ask that you come into school to sign a health and safety waiver form. This is **NOT** a parent consent form to wear earrings. In all other cases we ask that all earrings are removed over the weekend.
- * Blue Polo shirts are part of our **summer** uniform - all children should now be wearing their shirt and tie.

PE Uniform

- * PE polo shirts must have the school badge on them. All children as the weather gets colder should be wearing royal blue jogging bottoms. Leggings are not permitted.

There is a pre-loved uniform sale for all badged items on the last Friday of every month. Thank you to the Friends of St Bernadette for organising this and especially to Vickie for all the washing and ironing! As ever, if you need support with school uniform, please come and speak to us in the office.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

The School Vaccination Team will be in school on Wednesday 20th October to administer the annual flu immunisation for **ALL** classes. You will receive have received an email in the next few weeks with a link for you to offer your consent. The school nursing team arrange all aspects of the immunisation programme with parents and carers directly. School, in particular Mrs. Maudsley, do not co-ordinate consent any longer.

Data Collection Sheets

In the next few weeks we are sending home your child's data sheet showing all the information we hold on the school computer database and would be grateful if you could please check all the details, sign and return to the school office as soon as possible. Please check for allergies and food preferences and update this as necessary. It is vital that we have this information in school.

If you change address, telephone number etc. throughout the year, please let Mrs Maudsley know in the school office immediately so that our records can be kept up to date.

Parents Evening

The first Parents Evening of the school year will take place on Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November from 3:30pm. This open evening will be via Teams and will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child with their class teacher. Our spring parents evening will be an in-person meeting in school. The booking form will be available soon.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 17 th October	Harvest Food Collection Week
Wednesday 19 th October	Willow Class CAFOD Afternoon Tea – more details will follow
Thursday 20 th October	Harvest Service in Church – time TBC
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Evening via Teams
Thursday 10 th November	Parents Evening via Teams
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service Hall at 2pm
Monday 14 th November	Odd Socks day to mark the start of Anti-bullying week
Friday 25 th November	Own clothes Day for FOSB Christmas Chocolate raffle
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity in Church @ 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Advent Service & Carols in church at 2pm

Finally, on behalf of the whole community of St Bernadette's, I would like to wish Emma, parent of Isabel and Sophia, the very best of luck as she runs the London Marathon in aid of Bowel Cancer UK. Emma has shared her Just Giving page should you wish to support her. You can donate by clicking here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Davies190?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Emma-Davies190&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=3bf35c5cd49f47ce8016f6b45d64e1b9

Have a wonderful weekend, God bless.

Mrs. Shoulder