



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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### **Our Vision**

*Be courageous and inspire each other to excellence, shining in the light of Christ and making a positive impact in our world.*

## **March 2019 Newsletter**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It is great to be back after our February half term. Thank you for your continued support in supporting our high standards of school attendance and ensuring our children are 'as smart as carrots.'

### **Diary dates – March/Early April 2019**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Racquet and Ball
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	P.T.A Cushion Club
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Dental Health Survey (Sample of Rec & Y1 children with consent)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Assembly 9am School Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FHC Meeting 5.30pm in Church (Parent/Carers only)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tempest Class and Group Photographs
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3:10pm – 6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3:10pm – 6pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Lenten Liturgy
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FHC Meeting 5.30pm Church (Parent/Carers and Children)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Pedestrian Training (Session 2)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Pedestrian Training (Session 3)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	EYFS Lenten Liturgy 9am School Hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Bede Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Raffle
	<b>Sports Activities for selected pupils</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y 5/6 Girls Netball
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y 5/6 Girls Netball

## **Attendance**

School attendance for this year to date is 97.1% Thank you. Notable classes of high attendance in February are: Year 4 achieving 98.1%, Year 5 achieving 97.9% and Year 6 achieving 97.8%.

## **Class Assemblies**

All class assemblies are uploaded to the children's Learning Platform Class pages. Please visit the Learning Platform using your child's log in (which are in the Reading records) to view the videos, homework activities and find out more about your child's current topic.

## **Parent Governor**

I am delighted to inform you that we now have a second parent governor on our local management board – Mr Jonathan Willet, a parent of a Year 2 child. We thank Jonathan for his commitment to the school and I am sure you join me in wishing him well in his new role.

## **PE Kit**

As well as our new coloured PE tops, we have purple hoodies and now have jogger bottoms for the children to keep warm in the winter months.

Unfortunately, our uniform provider was unable to find an exact colour match to the hoodies. We have therefore made the decision to change to navy jogger bottoms. If you have bought the purple jogger bottoms, Motif8 will exchange for the navy ones.

All uniform items may be purchased from Motif8 via the link on the school website.

If anyone has good quality white PE tops which your children have out-grown we would welcome you donating them back to school through the office so we could use them on sporting visits.

## **E-safety alerts**

There have been several distressing stories relating to social media gaming/online headline stories recently. We will continue to alert you to the ever changing online world as we receive information through newsletters, twitter and in school discussions. Please remain extremely vigilant with content children are accessing at home and inform us of any concerns.

## **Headstart**

Mrs Pennick is currently applying for a Headstart award. This recognises the school's commitment to giving our children and young people the necessary support to build resilience to achieve good emotional health and provide support at an early stage to prevent the onset of common mental health conditions. Emotional well-being, and resilience in children and young people is a prerequisite to educational attainment, social relationships, positive choices and behaviours, life opportunities and aspirations, physical health and length and quality of life. A group of Y6 children are currently being trained as 'Headstarters' to support peers with the resilience to cope with life's difficulties.

As part of the application, KS2 children are also aware of Tootoot. Tootoot is a digital tool for pupils to self-report any issues of concern they may have if they would rather not speak in person. Tootoot is an anonymous website for children in key stage 2. They are able to log onto the site and tell teachers if they are worried about anything. It might not just be bullying, it could be a problem at home, or about a friend, anything at all that they are worried about. The children will be able to log in and tell teachers in complete confidence. Their messages will only come to the teachers at school. They will receive replies from a teacher 'mentor' who will also be anonymous but will try to address any worries or concerns and work with the child to solve any issues.

There is further information about Headstart on our school website.

## **February Events**

### **E-safety week**

On the WB 11th February all children across the school explored a variety of age appropriate e-safety themes.

The week comprised of an e-safety Theatre group for Y2-6 children; set e-safety themes in each class and a police presentation for parents and KS2 children. This year's theme was to encourage young people to work together to be positive, safe and respectful online.

Mr Lynn has compiled a presentation of the range of activities. It has been uploaded to the school website for you to view: *Our School / E-safety / E-safety week 2019*.

If you would like further information regarding securing your children's technical devices please contact Mr Lynn or the school office.

### **Year 4 Assembly**

Our Year 4 children presented an Assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February summarising their vast historical knowledge on the Romans, Saxons and Vikings. Thank you for the great turnout in what was a super confident display of song, facts and acting!

### **Y1 Meeting**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Y1 Phonics meeting. It was great so many of you were able to make it. If you could not make the meeting you should have received a Powerpoint of information regarding the screening test. If you would like to know more about the Y1 Phonics Screening please make contact with your child's class teacher through the school office or in person.

Mr Lynn has compiled a video of a previous Reception class clearly and precisely demonstrating the individual letter sounds. You can view it on our school website: *Our School / Curriculum and Assessment / Curriculum support videos*

### **PTA Valentines Disco**

Thank you to the parents and parishioners who helped with food stalls for the Valentine's disco on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. DJ Snaith entertained the children with some great modern tunes and some traditional favourites!

### **RE Standards**

As we await our RE inspection we continue to have regular RE Standards visits. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Mark Ryan, Trust RE Standards officer visited school to observe RE lessons and collective worship; he also scrutinised work and school leaders. The visit was a really affirming experience and demonstrated the continued ambition of the school to provide an outstanding RE provision.

### **SEN Review**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the school had a SEN (Special Educational Needs) review. It concluded how well the school support all vulnerable children with the limited resources it has and praised the staff's commitment to ensuring the children progressed well in all areas.

### **Y4 Drama**

Our Y4 children went to Trinity Catholic College to participate in a drama workshop on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. They had a great time. The staff at Trinity commended their enthusiasm and politeness!

## **February Sport**

A group of Y5 children hugely enjoyed a Middlesbrough **basketball festival** on February 5<sup>th</sup> after a series of PE lessons with Mr Bourner. Mr Bourner was delighted with the children's attitude and positivity in the face of fierce competition!

Well done to the whole Y2 class who really enjoyed a trip to Trinity Catholic College to participate in an **indoor Athletics** festival on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. After several weeks of training they finished with their class teachers and Mrs Anne Gibson, Secondary PE liaison, they finished runners up!

Year 2/3 children have excelled themselves in recent swimming lessons. A huge amount of certificates over a range of stokes and distances have been presented in our weekly House meetings this month.

### Extended schools timetable

	Morning	Lunch Time	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Maths Club (KM & SC)	KS2 Cross Country (ED) Y5/6 Boys Football (JB bi-weekly)	Y1 Multiskills (TB)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Maths Club (KM & SC)	Minnie Vinnies (LP) SOTW Hot Chocolate Club (SS) Y5/6 Boys Football (JB bi-weekly) French Club (MB)	Y3 Tennis (DP) SATs Booster (LS)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths Club (KM & SC)	KS2 Prayer Group (SB) Spanish Club (MB)	
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths Club (KM & SC)	KS2 Cross Country (ED)	Y5/6 Boys Basketball (DP)
<b>Friday</b>	Maths Club (KM & SC)	Web Watchers (AL) KS1 & KS2 Trend Club (LP & HM)	Y5/6 Girls Netball (TB)

Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to provide such a wide range of extended school activities. Over the course of the year, we try to offer extended schools clubs for a range of year groups. We will offer further clubs following the Easter break.

### Future events

#### World Book Day (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March)

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed as a character from a book or a book related film. As an alternative, children may wear their pyjamas.

#### Cushion Club

The PTA are organising a Cushion Club on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and will be showing some book based films 3.00 -5.00pm. Cost is £3.00 each and this includes a drink/snack. All children must be collected at 5.00pm prompt.

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Noses will be on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The minimum donation is £1.25 per red nose. To raise funds, children may wear their own clothes (with an element of red) for 50p per child or £1 per family.

We will also be selling cakes for 25p each (maximum two per child)

### **Easter Egg Raffle**

Our annual Easter Egg Raffle, organised by the PTA, will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 2pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Lenten Liturgy dates**

Please come along to share in our reflective, prayerful Lenten liturgies:

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March - KS1 Lenten liturgy, 2pm

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April - EYFS Lenten Liturgy, 9am

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April – Y3-5 Lenten Liturgy, 2pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Y6 Stations Of The Cross, 9am

### **Year 6 2018-19– Northumberland Residential (June 2019)**

This year's residential visit will take place on 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June. All Year 6 parents/carers will by now have received a letter providing further details.

### **Year 6 2019-20 – Robinwood Residential (October 2019)**

The current Year 5 class will attend their Residential trip to Robinwood when they are in Year 6 in October 2019. All Year 5 parents/carers will by now have received a letter providing further details.

### **Before school routine**

Please note because of the improved weather, children will return to playing on the playground from 8.30-8.40am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. A reminder that school registration is at 8.40am so all children are expected in school by this time. KS2 Schools In and Maths club children will be allowed to play on the supervised playground from 8.30-8.40am unless you contact us otherwise.

### **2018-19 dates**

A reminder of our term dates and times for the rest of the Academic Year 2018-19. This term we will have one week off at Easter W/C15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, and 2 weeks at the end of May/beginning of June W/C 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019. All information regarding dates for this year and next are on the website: *Our School / school dates and times*

*And finally,*

### **Volunteer plea:**

**As a school, we have had a make massive financial cost cutting measures recently as a result of the budget income we receive. We therefore would activity encourage any of you who have any moments spare to support school in volunteering your services to listen to readers and support in class. If you can volunteer regularly in any capacity please contact Mr Conway, Miss Brady or the school office.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr.P.Conway

Head Teacher