



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.

October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you find the information in this monthly newsletter both interesting and informative about the life of the school.

Diary Dates: October/ Early November 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 3 rd October	Year 5 – York Castle Museum
Friday 5 th October	Year 2 – Captain Cook Museum
10/11/12 October	Year 6 Residential - Robinwood
Monday 15 th October	Tempest Individual and Family Photographs
Wednesday 17 th October	Nursery Welcome Liturgy
Wednesday 24 th October	Harvest Mass – School Hall 10.30am
Thursday 25 th October	End of Term
Thursday 25 th October	Autumn Disco 5pm & 6pm
Friday 26 th October	PD Day
Monday 5 th November	School Reopens 8.40am
	<u>School events (for selected groups of children)</u>
Tuesday 2 nd October	Yr 5/6 Tag rugby
Thursday 18 th October	Cross Country
Thursday 18 th October	Yr 5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby

Attendance

Attendance for September was 97%. Every school day is precious and pupil leave in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

School Uniform

The school website will shortly have a link to order uniform directly from our supplier Motif8. This will allow parents/carers to order jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, PE kits, book bags and satchels.

Nursery uniform is still available from the Nursery. However, once the current supply is depleted, this may also be ordered directly from Motif8.

We will still keep a supply of ties in the school office.

New PE House colour T-shirts

We are slowly introducing new t-shirts to match your children's House groups. As your children have need for a new PE t-shirt you will be able to purchase them in the appropriate house colour directly from our supplier Motif8. Please ensure children wear correct PE clothing as branded sportswear is not permitted.

Pupil/Parent/Carer contact information

Please advise the school office if there are any changes to the information we currently hold. In particular: addresses, all telephone contact numbers and parent/carer email addresses. As the majority of correspondence is sent out via email, it is essential that we have up to date email addresses.

New Altar Servers

We do not currently have any altar servers in school. Are there any young people, who have made their First Holy Communion and attend St Bernadette's Church regularly, willing to join the loyal band of Church Altar servers? If so please contact Mrs Frances Gilchrist on 01642318747, or give name and phone number in writing to the school office or Mgr. Hogan.

PTA News

AGM

The PTA met on Monday 12th September and the following people have been elected to support fundraising for the school.

Chair – to be appointed at the next meeting

Vice Chair – Helen Pemberton

Treasurer – Sarah Langstaff

Secretary – Sarah Cuff

The following people have volunteered to be 'Supporters of the PTA' and regularly attend, support and organise various events:

Rachael Arnold, Melanie Price, Dawn McNamara, Kay Kinson, Laura Cutler, Carol Rodgers, Sandra Rowney, Clare Willett, Joanne Benfield.

If you would like to add your name to the list of 'supporters' on the website please contact the school office or one of the above. Your regular or occasional support is always appreciated.

PTA Accounts are now available to view on the school website in the PTA section. This year the PTA are using raised funds to purchase: 10 more iPads, resources for the developing chaplaincy, new audio equipment for drama productions, additional classroom resources, subsidising educational visits costs and subsidising pantomime costs. Minutes from the last meeting are available on the school website.

Further events arranged for the Autumn term include: the Autumn Disco and Christmas Fayre.

September Events

Welcome Weekend

The PTA Annual Welcome Weekend (28th/29th September) was a great success. Over 60 people attended a highly enjoyable Race Night – you will be informed of the final fundraising total soon. Many thanks to all who supported the evening in particular our 'Race Masters' for the event Dave and Julie!

The following morning, the sun shone as we walked through Great Ayton to Fletcher's Café. It was lovely to meet some new faces.

Buddies Assembly

We were packed to the rafters in our Buddies Assembly as our Year 6 children introduced their Reception buddies on Wednesday 26th September. Parents and children were treated to some lovely songs both new and traditional. Our Year 6 are really helping our youngest full time children settle quickly into school life at St Bernadette's.

Sporting events

In the last few weeks, Y5/6 girls and boys **football** teams have participated in the Middlesbrough School Championships. All 3 teams played in different competitions and coincidentally they all won their leagues and finished 3rd overall in the final stages!

Over 30 KS2 **Cross Country** runners took part in the Primary Schools Middlesbrough Event with Mrs Davies last week. There were particular runs of note for brothers Jack and Will and Daniel R who will go on to represent Middlesbrough in the Tees Valley Finals. In fact all 30 children were commended for their excellent attitudes and determination and represented the school in fine spirit!

Extended schools Timetable

Please find below the wide variety of events we have on offer this term. Throughout the year all teaching staff volunteer their own time to facilitate the clubs, and I am so grateful. We are also supported by Mr Peacock and Tom Burke Academy.

	Morning	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	Maths Club	KS2 Cross Country	Y2 Multi-Skills
Tuesday	Maths Club	Mini Vinnies Hot Chocolate Club French	Y5/6 Girls Football
Wednesday	Maths Club	Web Watchers KS2 Prayer Group	Y4 Multi-Skills
Thursday	Maths Club	KS2 Cross Country	Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Friday	Maths Club	Y5/6 Boys Football KS1 & KS2 Trend Club	Y5 Sports Leaders

Next term we will have some Y3 and Y1 after school sports provision.

Please contact the school office for further information on any of our clubs.

Dates for the Diary

Trinity Open Evening – Wednesday 3rd October 6.30pm – 8.30pm

As you will be aware, as part of Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust, we work in close partnership with our feeder Catholic Secondary School. We actively encourage all Year 5 and Year 6 parents to visit Trinity College for their Open evening.

Harvest Festival – SVP Food Banks

St Bernadette's will be collecting donations for the SVP Food Bank in advance of our Harvest Mass on Wednesday 24th October, 9.30am in school. This year, rather than fresh produce, we have been asked for donations of tinned foods, bags of sugar, long life milk, and long life fruit juice.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We will start collecting W/C Monday 15th October. Please could all donations be brought into school by Tuesday 23rd October so we can pack food for hampers.

Tempest Photographs

Individual and family group photographs will be taken by Tempest Photography on Monday 15th October. Photographs will be taken in the School Hall.

If you have pre-school children and would like a family photograph please come to the Hall at 8:45am. Older children will be directed from their classrooms after registration for photographs.

Autumn Disco

This year's PTA Autumn Disco will be held on Thursday 25th October, 5-7pm. Tickets will be available from the School Office from Monday 15th October, £2 per ticket. Children are welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes.

- 5pm – 6pm Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Parents must attend)
- 6pm – 7pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Parents can collect/drop off. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones)

Parent Teacher Consultations

In November, we will conduct our first Parent / Teacher meetings of the academic year. Meetings can include your child if preferred. They will take place during the week beginning 12th November -further details will follow in the coming weeks.

Updated Annual Calendar

Please find attached an updated annual calendar of events. There have been some slight alterations due to unforeseen clashes since the last newsletter –these are highlighted in green.

And finally,

Thank you to all of you who returned our RE questionnaires. We were overwhelmed with your positive feedback. If anyone wants to provide further feedback or advice on how we can improve further please contact Mr Conway or Miss Brady. Questionnaire responses are attached with this newsletter.

Mr P Conway
Head Teacher

