

Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Reception Welcome Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Reception! We hope you have all had a lovely summer. It is a delight to greet such smiley little faces each morning and a joy to meet them all this week. It is an honour to be your child's first teachers and we look forward to them growing together in 'Faith, Love and Learning' over their Reception year. We look forward to working with you and If you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Mrs. Li and Mrs. Armstrong



Mrs Li



Mrs Armstrong



Miss Hughes



Mrs Melia

Staff

Mrs Li and Mrs Armstrong are your child's teachers. Mrs Li works on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Armstrong teaches on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our fabulous Teaching Assistants are Miss Hughes and Mrs Melia. We will also have Grandparent/adult helpers throughout the week.

If you can't catch a member of staff at the beginning or end of school day, please do ring/email school or write on Class Dojo if there is anything you think we need to know. Staff respond to Dojo messages between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm.

Weekly Mass

On Tuesdays, different classes from our school attend the 9.15a.m. Mass at our local parish church – St. Bernadette's. We will let you know when our Reception children will attend mass. You are always very welcome to join us, so please come along.

Reception Welcome to School Mass

You will receive details of our Welcome Mass in the next couple of weeks.



Starting School

As your child takes the 'big step' of starting school, please remember to refer to your child's 'Getting Ready for School' booklet and class webpage. These include lots of information on our class & curriculum.

Class Dojo

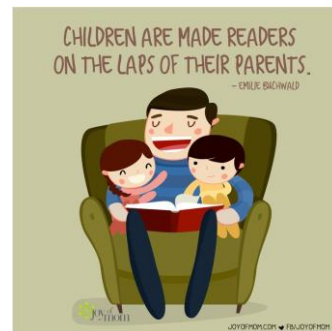
Our class community Class Dojo, is used for us to communicate with parents. Any new families to St. Bernadette's will have received their invite this week.

Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning...

Reading

We ask that all children read 'little and often' in Reception. Taking part in the reading process each day at home will greatly benefit your child. Books are in every area of the Early Years, and we encouraged them to read and explore books in each different area.

Your child's Reading Record is your record of reading at home. **Please make sure you sign your child's reading record each time you read – including books from home or the local library because it is lovely for us to see what books interest you child!**



Your child will receive a Reading Record and books home next week, starting with our 'Love of Reading books' from our School Library. Shortly after they start Sounds~Write (our phonics programme), they will start to receive our Dandelion Reader books.

We ask that children bring their reading books in their book bag to school every day .

Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to bring in your water bottle each day. They are refilled during each day.

As we are outdoors learning in all weather's please ensure that your child wears a suitable waterproof coat and brings a pair of wellies to be left in school.



Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green St Bernadette's P.E top, plain black joggers/leggings/ shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie (no logo). Please label all clothing, coats and shoes as they can become easily lost.

Friends of St. Bernadette's (PTFA)

The FOSB are keen to recruit some new members. It would be fantastic to have a representative from all year groups. If you would like to get involved through planning and organising events, please speak to the class teacher. You might know another parent who would be really good and may need a bit of encouragement. Thank you for your support.

Lunches

Reception children receive universal free school meals. **Please order these on the myevolvehub.com, so that your child can enjoy a meal, that you know they like.** If you have any questions, please contact the school office. As part of our Early Years curriculum, we will be encouraging the children to use a fork and knife at lunchtimes...lots of practise at home will help to develop this skill too.



Payments

We are moving towards a cashless system and so use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education that they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs Crowder will be happy to help. No holidays must be taken in term time.

Important Dates for Reception

11th-22nd September – National Reception Baselines to be completed in class.

11th September -1st Full week of school

Tuesday 3rd October – Reception Welcome Tea Party 2pm – All Parents welcome to attend

Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening – 1.30pm onwards

19th December – Reception and Y1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day Assembly & Friday 14th June – Father's Day Assembly - 2.30pm

