



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 9th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. We have an exciting and busy half term ahead. The Year 6 children have been busy preparing their Remembrance Worship for the morning and it promises to be a very special occasion. We are looking forward to it. Poppy related items are still available for children to buy in school if you wish to do so.

Please read our newsletter below to keep up to date with everything that's happening in our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

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A Sad Goodbye and Thank You

After 18 years of dedication and commitment to St. Bernadette's, our wonderful teaching assistant Mrs Terry Ellaby, has decided to retire with the hope of spending more time with her husband and family.

The nearly 2 decades of service to St. Bernadette's is a tremendous achievement. Mrs Ellaby is truly 'one of a kind', being such a huge part of our community here. She is so kind and thoughtful with each and every one of our children in Breakfast club and within school. She can put her hand to anything and will help anyone!

I am sure parents and carers will ensure Terry has a send off she deserves this Christmas.

Due to retirement, we are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic teaching assistant from January 2024. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please share the information below:

[Teaching Assistant Level 2 | Job Details | greater jobs](#)

School Admissions

Applications for primary school and secondary school places for September 2024 can now be submitted via school admissions ([Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#))

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2024 is **15th January 2024.**

If you would like to have a tour of our school, please contact our school office ~
01257 401125.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER: Our parish weekly newsletter can be found on: [Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette's P - Newsletters \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

If you would like to attend Mass yourselves, please see below for the current Mass times:

Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's - Saturday 4:45 pm / St. Marie's – Saturday 6:15 pm

Sunday Morning

St. Bernadette's - Sunday 9:30 am / St. Marie's - Sunday 11:00 am



Are you interested in making a difference.....?

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new parent Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to:

- * Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.
- * Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by attending training, reading papers, attending meetings and visiting the school.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for one of our vacancies, please contact the school office for more information.

Zebra Crossing

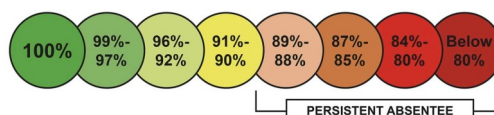
To ensure the safety of our children, and to make sure that drivers stop when necessary, we have been requesting additional road safety measures outside school for some time. We are thrilled to announce that we received a letter from Wigan Council this week proposing a new zebra crossing and double yellow lines outside school.

This is excellent news and reflects the importance of this issue to people in our village. Further details and updates on its installation will be passed on to parents / carers as soon as we are informed.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

"Growing Together in..." Parent Workshops

We know that many parents are keen to support their children in their learning and want to understand how they are taught in school. We have made arrangements for each class to hold a 'Growing Together in.....' workshop this half term (Sessions will last approximately an hour). Our teachers have designed interactive sessions where parent/carers can come to their child's lesson, 'grow together' and have fun whilst learning alongside them. Grandparents or other family members are welcome to come along if parents/carers are unable.

We hope you can join us to get hints/tips on how to support your child at home. Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

Nursery – Thursday 16th November 2:00pm

(Nursery will be stay and play open sessions for parents to share in learning. More information will be sent to you)

Year R – Growing Together in...Phonics Tuesday 14th November 2:00pm

Year 1 – Growing Together in...Phonics Monday 13th November 9:00am

Year 2 – Growing Together in...Phonics Wednesday 15th November 9:00am

Year 3 – Growing Together in...Maths Friday 17th November 9:00am

Year 4 – Growing Together in...Maths Monday 13th November 2:00pm

(Also an opportunity for parents/carers to meet Mrs Farrell informally after school)

Year 5 – Growing Together in...Maths Wednesday 15th November 9:00am

Year 6 – Growing Together in...Maths Tuesday 14th November 9:00am

Enhancements and Enrichments

Year 1 Mass

Year 1 were welcomed into Tuesday morning Mass at St. Bernadette's Church this week. The children loved being able to see the things they have learnt about in Come and See in real life. They joined in with Mass beautifully and were respectful and calm in church.

Year 3 DW stadium

Year 3 visited The DW Stadium yesterday, the home of Wigan Athletic FC and Wigan Warriors RLFC. It was a great way to recap their learning from their recent local unit about the history of Wigan Rugby. The children enjoyed a tour of the stadium, looking at the changing rooms, press room and then finished the day with sports activities.



Road Safety

Year 3 and Year 4 have received Road Safety sessions from Wigan Council Road Safety Team where they focussed on the importance of being seen and making yourself stand out when near the road—useful in the coming winter months.

Multi-Sports Sporting Event

This week Year 3 and 4 children took part in their sporting event at the Youth Zone. It was an event full of energy and excitement and the children had an amazing time learning new skills whilst challenging themselves.

Thank you to all the staff and helpers accompanying the children. These events couldn't happen without you.

COLOUR DAY!

After the success of the colour days last year, the Pupil Council would like to run another 'COLOUR DAY' in school.

On **Friday 24th November** we would love the children to come dressed in their house colour. This could be a full outfit; piece of clothing like a jumper/t-shirt or just an accessory. Below are our house team colours:

Matthew—**BLUE**

Mark—**RED**

Luke—**GREEN**

John—**PURPLE**

On this day, the children will be working as a team in their houses.

If your child is unsure of their house, please ask their class teacher or the school office and we will be more than happy to find out.

Santa Dash!

On Thursday 7th December, children from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a sponsored Santa Dash organised by FOSB (Friends Of St. Bernadette's). The children thoroughly enjoyed it last year!

The Santa Dash will be a sponsored Fun Run that your child will complete with their class throughout the day. Your child is encouraged to wear Christmas clothes (Christmas jumper, Christmas dressing up or Christmas related items) to complete the run. They will be dashing around like reindeers whilst completing a variety of fun activity stations en route!

Sponsorship forms will be sent home on Friday and monies can be brought in until Friday 15th December.



Christmas Pantomime

The Edge in Wigan have gained funding and are offering a limited amount of free tickets to a Christmas Pantomime called "Herald of Herod". We have been lucky enough to gain tickets and will be taking the whole school (Nursery to Year 6) on **Monday 4th December** (*Year 4 'Christmas Lights Turn On' assembly will be rescheduled*).



A detailed letter will be going out to parents/carers as we will require adult helpers.

If you wish to come along, please pop your name down at the school office! It is certainly something to look forward to for the Christmas period.

Entries handed in to the school office by Friday 17th November.

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YOUTH &
YOUNG PEOPLE

2023/24 NATIVITY PAINTING COMPETITION

Paint a scene of Our Lord's Nativity, and include the Bible passage that inspired your painting.

Two age ranges:
Infants (4-7 year olds)
Juniors (7-11 year olds).



Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!
To enter please contact your local KSC Council at:

*Standish Council 577 / Province 8
Charles Tetlow
Officer for Action and Youth
e-mail : charlestetlow@sky.com*



INFANT 3RD PLACE 2022/23



JUNIOR 3RD PLACE 2022/23

Tel: 01418 835700



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Sponsorship Form



St. Bernadette's Santa Dash Fun Run – Thursday 7th December

The Santa Dash is a sponsored Fun Run that your child will complete with their class. They will be dashing around like reindeers whilst completing a variety of fun activity stations en route!

Sponsorship monies can be brought in until **Friday 15th December**

Name of Child:.....**Year Group:**.....

Name	Address or Phone Number	Signature	Amount £	Paid ✓	Gift Aid ✓

If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid?' ✓, I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the Friends of St. Bernadette's (FOSB) to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Remember: You must provide your full name, home address, postcode & ✓ Gift Aid for the FOSB to claim tax back on your donation.

Important Dates (more information to follow)

- Friday 10th November 2023—Year 6 Remembrance Assembly 9:15am (parents/families invited)
w.c. 13th November—'Growing Together in.....' Parent Workshops in school
- Monday 13th November 2023—Year 4 Second First Holy Communion Session
- Tuesday 14th November 2023—Year 6 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am
- Monday 20th November 2023—Wednesday 22nd November 2023—Robinwood Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 21st November 2023—Year 5 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am
- Thursday 23rd November 2023—Year 5 Magistrates Visit in school
- Friday 24th November 2023—COLOUR DAY!
- Friday 24th November—Year 5 Cake Sale
- Monday 27th November 2023—Year 4 Third First Holy Communion Session
- Tuesday 28th November 2023—Year 4 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am
- Friday 1st December—Year 3 Advent Worship 9:15am (Parents / families welcome)
- Saturday 9th December—WigLe Dance troop Pantomime! (arrive at 6:00pm for a 7:00pm start)
- Monday 4th December 2023—Whole school pantomime trip to The Edge (Nursery to Year 6)
- Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 3 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am
- Wednesday 6th December 2023—Year 4 Christmas Lights Turn On 9:10am (Parents / families welcome) RESCHEDULED**
- Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 4 First Reconciliation Mass 6:00pm St Bernadette's Church
- Thursday 7th December 2023—Santa Dash!
- Friday 8th December 2023—Year 5 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)
- Tuesday 12th December 2023—Year 2 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am
- Tuesday 12th December 2023—Joint Parish Singing Concert at St. Marie's Church
- Wednesday 13th December—School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th December—Year 1 9:10am and Year 2 9:45am Drumming Concert for parents/carers
- Friday 15th December 2023—Year 6 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)
- Friday 15th December 2023—Year 4 Cake Sale
- Tuesday 19th December 2023—Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (parents/carers invited)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023—Year 2 Christingle Celebration 9:10am (parents/carers invited)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023—Nursery Nativity 2:00pm
- Thursday 21st December 2023 —Party Day!
- Thursday 21st December 2023 —KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2:45pm
- Friday 22nd December 2023 —School closes for Christmas 2:00pm

