



# *St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School*

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## *Newsletter – December 2017*

### ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

This weekend marks the beginning of the special season of Advent when we prepare for the birth of Our Saviour Jesus on Christmas Day. It is a very busy and exciting time in school and we will prepare for this special time in the following ways.

#### *Advent Prayer Meetings*

These will take place every Tuesday dinnertime for the children and will be led by Mrs Murphy, our RE Governor.

#### *Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

##### *Ladies Christingle Prayer and Pudding Evening*

This will take place in the church social area at 7:30pm and is an evening of reflection, Christingle making, prayer and yummy puddings. This is organised by the Ladies in Faith Together which meet on the first Thursday of each month. You are more than welcome to attend and enjoy the evening.

#### *Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

The Mini Vinnie (Junior SVP) group will sing carols to the residents at Chirnside House

#### *Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

The choir will sing carols to the residents at Nazareth House.

#### *Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

##### *Our Lady's Catholic College Advent Service*

This will take place at 7pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Slyne Road.  
All are welcome to attend.

#### *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

##### *KS1 Nativity Play - "It's a Party"*

This will take place in church at 2pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm for the children in Apple, Oak and Elm classes. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend.

#### *Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017*

An Advent Service will take place in the school hall at 1.15pm on the final day of term. Once again you are very welcome to attend this joyful celebration.

## **The Friends of St Bernadette's Christmas Fair**

This will take place in the school hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 11am until 2pm. As always there will be lots to do and see for the whole family such as games, refreshments, craft stalls and raffle.

Entrance is £1 for adults, children free. Please come along on the day.

## **Christmas Pantomime**

Our Christmas Pantomime this year will be "Robin Hood" which will take place in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December during the morning. This is a very popular and well received event which the children certainly enjoy. However we do need a contribution of £5 per child to meet the costs and we would be very grateful if you could send this into school before the day. Any parents with younger siblings are more than welcome to attend too.

## **FRIENDS OF ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL DISCOS**

The very popular end of term discos will take place on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Key Stage 1 ( Apple, Oak and Elm Classes) – 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm

Key Stage 2 (Beech, Eucalyptus, Willow and Sycamore) – 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Entrance is £1 per child and refreshments will also be on sale.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

**The children's parties will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The children can attend school in their own sensible casual wear. During the afternoon the children will be entertained by a magician and receive a snack and drink. Please send in £1 donation for each child to cover the costs.**

**Please note that school dinners will be served as normal on this day.**



## Lancashire Music Service Assembly

There will be a special assembly for the parents of children who receive piano, keyboard and violin tuition in the school hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

This will take place in school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Johns, our school cook, and her staff work very hard to make this such an enjoyable occasion for the children and we ask that you send your child's request (forms are available at school) and cost of £2.20 into school as soon as possible.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to this year's Poppy Appeal. £290 was raised for this worthy cause.

## Mini Vinnie Donate a Tin Appeal

Many thanks for your generous donations which the Mini Vinnies gave to Lancaster Shelter for the Homeless. We intend to do the same at the end of term so please place any donations in the Mini Vinnie bin at the school entrance.

Thank you once again.



## **School Holiday Arrangements 2018 -2019**

Please find attached the school holiday arrangements for the next school year.

### **End of term Reports**

The children in Years 1-6 (Oak to Sycamore) will receive an end of term report on their attainment and effort in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Religious Education on the final day of term 21<sup>st</sup> December.

*G H McKeVitt*

MR G H MCKEVITT  
HEADTEACHER



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 School Holiday Arrangements 2018-2019



**Autumn Term 2018**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Tuesday 4 September	Friday 19 October at 3.15pm	Mon 3 Sept INSET Half Term Holiday: Mon 22 Oct–Fri 26 Oct Mon 29 Oct INSET
Tuesday 30 October	Thursday 20 December at 2.00pm	Christmas Holidays: Fri 21 Dec–Fri 4 Jan

**Spring Term 2019**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 7 January	Friday 15 February at 3.15pm	Half-Term Holiday: Mon 18 Feb–Fri 22 Feb
Monday 25 February	Friday 5 April at 2.00pm	Easter Holidays: Mon 8 April – Mon 22 April

**Summer Term 2019**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Tuesday 23 April	Friday 24 May at 3.15pm	May Bank Holiday Mon 6 May Half-Term Holiday: Mon 27 May–Fri 31 May
Monday 3 June	Friday 19 July at 2pm	Summer Holidays: Mon 22 July – Fri 30 Aug

**Inservice Training (INSET) days are for staff only and closed for children.**