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Newsletter – September 2018

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year where new opportunities and challenges await us all. We especially welcome our new starters in Apple (Reception) class and in other classes and we wish them a happy and fruitful time with us. We also welcome back Mrs Buchan and Mrs Wood from their maternity leave.

Thank you, as always, for maintaining the high standards for our school uniform, the children look very smart indeed and certainly reflect the high standards we wish to instil in our school.

Dinner Money

The price of a school meal has increased from £2.20 to £2.30.
KS1 (Apple, Oak and Elm) classes will receive free school meals as part of the Universal Free School Meals Programme. KS2 (Beech, Eucalyptus, Willow and Sycamore) classes pay £2.30 per meal (£11.50 a week).

Nasal Flu Immunisations

The School Vaccination Team will be in school on Tuesday 13th November to administer the annual flu immunisation for Reception, Oak, Elm, Beech, Eucalyptus and Willow classes. If you want your child to have the immunisation and have not yet filled in the form please see Mrs Maudsley in the school office.

PERSONAL TARGETS

The children in classes Oak to Sycamore will receive targets on Friday 28th September, in Reading, Writing and Mathematics to aim to achieve this term.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

In the next few weeks, we are sending home your child's data sheet showing all the information we hold on the school computer database and we would be grateful if you could please check all the details, sign and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you change address, telephone number etc. throughout the year, please let Mrs Maudsley know in the school office immediately so that our records can be kept up to date.

The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme

Would you, or anyone you know, like to train locally to become a primary or secondary school teacher? If you are a graduate, you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston area.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School is a member of the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership of over 60 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. The UCAS Teacher Training system opens for applications in October, see our website for more details www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org

Any questions? Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre at Our Lady's every Monday from 4.00 – 5.00pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326931 to book an appointment.

Parents' Evening

The first Parents' Evening of the school year will take place on Monday 8th October from 3:30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child with their class teacher (More details later).

New School Year Mass

This will take place in church at 9:05am on Friday 28th September. The celebration of Mass is a wonderful and joyful celebration for the whole school community and a fitting way to begin our new school year. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Mr G H McKevitt
Headteacher