



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter – July 2019

### CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

*The class structure for the new school year in September will be as follows:*

Apple	(Reception)	Mrs Bramhall, Mrs Hegarty and Mrs Lord
Oak	(Year 1)	Mrs Buchan/Mrs Pilkington and Mrs Stewart
Elm	(Year 2)	Mrs White and Mrs Bolton
Beech	(Year 3)	Mr Findlay, Mrs Hodgson and Miss Taylor
Eucalyptus	(Year 4)	Mrs Lewis/Mrs Wood, Mrs Bergus and Ms Chadwick
Willow	(Year 5)	Mrs Round and Mrs Cleaver
Sycamore	(Year 6)	Miss Burke and Mr Karim

**The children will visit their new classes during the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for maintaining the high standards for our school uniform, which is such an important and distinctive feature of our school. In September, we will revert back to our Autumn and Spring uniform which is a pale blue shirt/blouse and tie with our school jumper or cardigan. Children must only wear sensible black footwear (not boots or trainers).

Thank you.

## **School Games Kite Mark Gold Award**

We have successfully maintained the Gold Award for the fourth year running for our commitment to competitive and non-competitive sport. A huge thank you to the staff and children and especially Mr Karim who once again coordinated this for our school.

## **Catholic Teaching Alliance Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to the children in Sycamore Class (Shayan Ahmed, Rory Machell and Polyanna Nikolopoulou) who won the CTA Maths Challenge against other schools for the third year running. Well done again!

## **Sponsored Walk in aid of The Parish Refugee Project**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthwhile project. Please send in any donations to school before the end of term.

Thank you.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please find attached the results of our recent questionnaire. Thank you for the very positive feedback and some useful suggestions for future improvements.

## KS2 RESULTS

Once again the children in Sycamore Class (Year 6) have achieved excellent results in their end of KS2 SATs. This truly reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of the children, parents and staff over many years. Congratulations.

### Key Stage 2 Standard Attainment Tests

<b>Key Stage 2</b>	<b>School-achieved expected and higher standard</b>	<b>National Average 2018</b>
Reading	97% (higher standard 42%)	75% (28%)
Grammar Punctuation & Spelling	100% (higher standard 73%)	78% (34%)
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	90% (greater depth 48%)	78% (20%)
Mathematics	100% (higher standard 42%)	76% (24%)
Reading/Writing/Maths combined	88% (higher standard 30%)	64% (10%)

### End of School Year Reports

Your child/children will receive their end of year reports today which celebrates the progress they have made this year.

# END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

*There will be a whole school Mass in church at 9:15am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. You are warmly invited to attend this very special occasion as a fitting celebration to the end of our school year.*

## Summer Holidays

School will close for the Summer holidays at  
**2:00pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July**

and open for the new school year at  
**8:55am on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

*..... and finally*

"The Governors would like to say thank you to everyone involved in our school for all their contributions to making this another successful year for St Bernadette's.

Special thanks go to our teaching staff for their continuing efforts to achieve the high standards they set for themselves and the children; to all the staff who support them, especially in looking after the children's welfare and wellbeing; to parents, for your ongoing support of our school, especially through the Friends and to our children, who really do make our school a "happy and fruitful place".

We wish our Year 6 children and their families the very best in their next steps and wish everyone a happy and holy summer."

*Dr J Grabowski, Chair of Governors*

Mr G H McKevitt  
Headteacher



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## Parents' and carers' views of our school 2019

59 replies received (28% of the school population)

	Please tick	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child/ren likes/like school.	68%	30%	2%		
2	My child/ren is/are making good progress.	69%	31%			
3	Children generally behave well and treat each other respectfully.	50%	44%	2%		4%
4	My child/ren feel safe and secure at school.	75%	25%			
5	Teaching is good.	80%	18%			2%
6	I am kept well informed about how my child/ren is/are getting on.	53%	39%	6%	2%	
7	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or complaint.	63%	33%	4%		
8	Staff expect my child/ren to work hard and do his or her best.	73%	27%			
9	The school is led and managed well.	71%	29%			
10	Staff treat my child/ren fairly.	78%	22%			
11	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	47%	41%	6%		6%
12	The school provides appropriate homework.	53%	41%	2%	2%	2%
13	Staff encourage my child/ren to become mature and independent.	64%	32%			4%
14	There are a good range of activities that my child/ren finds interesting and enjoyable.	64%	34%	2%		
15	The arrangements for my son or daughter to settle in when he or she started the school were good.	80%	14%	2%		4%

### Parent comments

#### What we do well.

- "Great school with a great ethos"
- "The school is a happy and caring place"
- "My child has been able to grow in faith and in academic subjects."

#### What we need to improve upon.

- "More opportunities for visits and visitors."
- "More extra-curricular clubs."
- "Timed online learning platform makes my child feel stressed and pressurised."

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 School Holiday Arrangements 2019-2020



**Autumn Term 2019**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Tuesday 3 September	Friday 18 October at 3.15pm	Mon 2 Sept INSET Half Term Holiday: Mon 21 Oct–Fri 25 Oct Mon 28 Oct INSET
Tuesday 29 October	Thursday 19 December at 2.00pm	Christmas Holidays: Fri 20 Dec–Fri 3 Jan

**Spring Term 2020**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 6 January	Friday 14 February at 3.15pm	Half-Term Holiday: Mon 17 Feb–Fri 21 Feb
Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April at 2.00pm	Easter Holidays: Mon 6 April – Fri 17 April

**Summer Term 2020**

<b>School opens at 8.55 a.m. on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May at 3.15pm	Bank Holiday VE 75 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Fri 8 May Half-Term Holiday: Mon 25 May–Fri 29 May INSET Monday 1 June
Tuesday 2 June	Friday 17 July at 2.00pm	Summer Holidays: Mon 20 July – Mon 31 Aug

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