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Newsletter – November 2019

Attendance and Prompt Start to the School Day

At St Bernadette's, we pride ourselves on the excellent attendance and prompt start to the day by our children, (2017-18 Whole year school Attendance 97.8% and England average 95.8%). Please note that if a child's absence is 90% or below then they are classed as a "persistent absentee" and a cause for concern as this is equal to 20 school days or four weeks missed in a school year.

We have recently noticed that a number of children are regularly arriving late to school in the morning. We appreciate that there can be many reasons for this but children arriving late disrupts the orderly working of the classroom and the child's education (ten minutes late each day is equal to two weeks absence over a school year).

Therefore, we urge you to make sure that your child attends school regularly and promptly in the interests of their education.

Thank you

A Musical Evening

This will involve our school choir and will take place at Our Lady's Catholic College on Friday 15th November at 7pm. It will be an evening of instruments and song in aid of the South Lancaster Refugee Project. Tickets are available in school: £5 for adults and primary aged children are free.

School Library Box

Our Library Box is now up and running at the entrance pathway to the school. You are most welcome to donate and borrow books for you to enjoy reading and share with others.

Friends of St Bernadette's Christmas Fair

This will take place in the school hall at 6:30pm on Friday 29th November. The week before, on Friday 22nd November, will be a Mufti (Non- Uniform) Day for the children in exchange for a gift donation to the Christmas Fair e.g. Toiletries, bottles, small gifts.

Christmas Letter Box

This will be available in the school hall during the first week of Advent on Monday 2nd December for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

However, why not donate no more than a £1 instead of writing cards and save paper to support climate sustainability. The donations will be sent to the South Lancaster Refugee Project.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

This year's pantomime is Sleeping Beauty and will take place in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 4th December. We ask a donation of £3 for each child towards the cost. Once again parents and younger siblings are most welcome to attend.

Thank you.

"Knitted Bible" Exhibition

You are invited to view this exhibition of 33 scenes of the most important stories in the Old and New Testaments from Creation to the Resurrection.

This exhibition is on display at
St Joseph's Catholic Church, Slyne Road, Lancaster LA1 2 HU
from 9th December to 20th January 2020.

For further information see www.stgeorgesurc.co.uk/the-knitted-bible/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15 th November	A Musical Evening at 7pm at Our Lady's Catholic College
Tuesday 19 th November	Elm Class Worship at 9am
Thursday 21 st November	Beech Class Worship at 9am
Friday 22 nd November	Mufti (Non-Uniform) Day to donate gifts for the Christmas Fair
Thursday 28 th November	Apple Class Worship at 2:55pm
Friday 29 th November	Friends Christmas Fair at 6:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 3 rd December	Willow and Sycamore Class Worship at 2:55pm
Wednesday 4 th December	"Sleeping Beauty" Pantomime in the school hall at 9am
Thursday 5 th December	Friends Christmas Discos KS1 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm KS2 – 7:30 pm – 8:30pm
Monday 9 th December	Knitted Bible Exhibition at St Joseph's, Lancaster
Friday 13 th December	Children's Christmas Parties (Non-Uniform Day)
Monday 16 th December	KS1 "The Nativity" at 2pm in church
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 "The Nativity" at 6:30pm in church
Wednesday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Advent Service in the school hall at 1:15pm School closes for the Christmas holidays at 2pm

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Headteacher