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Newsletter – September 2020

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year. It was so lovely today to walk around school and see all the children's smiling faces.

We have begun the school day with the prayer below from Fr Peter.

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



Fr Peter has asked that you say the prayer below every night as a family.

Night Prayer for families

God our Father, we thank you that our children can now return to their school community. We entrust them to the tender care of your son Jesus.

May they know that he is with them each day,
in their joy, in their learning,
and when they are unsure or afraid.

We ask your blessing on all who will support and encourage them throughout the year.

May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in the ways of Jesus.

Amen.

Come Together Autumn 2020

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Even though the children have to stay in their class bubbles we wanted a whole school initiative to rebuild our Catholic community within school. At St Bernadette's, God is at the centre of everything we do and through shared worship we want to bring about a sense of togetherness for the whole school. Therefore, we have put together a program that the whole school will take part in each Friday this half term. The sessions will start with a worship based on a common theme and piece of scripture. The children will have time to spend in silent prayer and then talk about what God is saying to them. We hope that this will give the children an opportunity to share their feelings. Then they will be able to express themselves through the art session.

The children will bring home the work produced in class and this will give the children a chance to talk about their thoughts and feelings with you. Over the half term, each child will see their work displayed in the classroom so they can feel proud of their finished pieces of art.

Week	Scripture	Prayer	Liturgical theme	Art skill focus
1. 4 th Sept	Psalm 139	St Theresa's Prayer 'Christ has no body, but yours'	I am special	Drawing Self portraits
2. 11 th Sept	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	St Patrick's Breastplate Christ with me ...	I belong	Pattern – Collage Individual collages to create bigger whole one. Michael Rosen's Poem 'These are the hands'
3. 18 th Sept	1 Samuel 17:4-11, 1 Samuel 17:32-51	Creed "I believe" Or Act of Faith	Hopes & Dreams Trust & Courage	Paint/Low relief What would God's shield/coat of arms be like? Using symbols and words to represent protective gifts.
4. 25 th Sept	Matthew 6:25-34	The Guardian Angel Prayer	Worries Freedom from worries God will take care of things	Print Birds in flight. Kites.
5. 2 nd Oct	Psalm 91	A Prayer of Trust	Trust	Oil pastels/charcoal Darkness
6. 9 th Oct	Matthew 25:34-40	St Francis' prayer –Make me a channel of your peace	Helping each other	Drawing Illustrate the verses Artist – Hannah Dunnett Look at other calligraphy art.
7. 16 th Oct	Genesis 1:1-31	The Gloria	Harvest – The wonder of Creation	Paint Take one day of creation and paint it. Use different ways to apply paint – dragging, dabbing, wet on wet, sponging etc.
8. 23 rd Oct	John 13:34	A Prayer of Love	Love	Block printing Love in different languages

Health and Safety

A Health and Safety update will be sent home next week.

Thank you for your continued support through these unprecedented times.

Dinner Money

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).

Please use ParentPay to pay for school dinners.

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 would be grateful if you could please check all the details, sign and return 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.

Communication with Class Teachers

Any communication to class teachers can be sent to the emails below:

Class	Email
Apple	apple@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
Oak	oak@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
Elm	elm@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
Beech	beech@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk
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Thank you for your continued support

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