



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Welcome back! Bernadette's Blog

Dear all,

On behalf of all the Governors and staff, I would like to welcome you all back to school for what is sure to be another busy year! We hope you enjoyed the holiday with family and friends and were able to find some sun between the showers.

We hope the year ahead is exciting and inspiring for all at St. Bernadette's and we aim to build on the excellent successes of last year. 2015-16 was a turbulent year of changes for education across the country including changes to the curriculum and testing arrangements. However, staff, pupils, parents and governors rose to the challenges with such dedication and determination and we are extremely proud that St. Bernadette's pupils outperformed pupils regionally and nationally in their end of Key stage SATs and phonics check—congratulations to everyone!

Another huge success was our overall attendance rate of over 97%. As a result, St. Bernadette's have been placed in the top 10% of schools nationally. A huge thank you must go to all parents / carers and families for making sure your children are in school. A special mention must go to the 35 pupils who attended school every single day—well done! Of course now, we're going to aim even higher this year!

As we begin our new school year, filled with joy at the achievements of last year, we look forward with excitement to the new challenges, new opportunities and new adventures we're about to face. We are delighted to have so many new faces who will be part of this journey with us and so we welcome Miss Smith, our new Y4 teacher and Mrs Beresford who has now returned from maternity leave. This week, we have also had the privilege of welcoming 45 new children into Reception and six new starters across the school. We are confident that you will be happy at St. Bernadette's and will quickly feel part of our school community.

The start of a new school year provides us with an opportunity to revisit and set the tone for learning and behaviour in school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set out expectations. This includes prompt lesson starts to maximise learning time. Please help us by ensuring children are in school on time for a prompt 9:00 am registration, wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn. Please see our school website for further details on school uniform.

Over the summer, there has been lots of work going on in school providing many improvements to the school environment. In the KS2 classrooms, we have upgraded and replaced: all heaters, ceilings, lights and classroom storage. The classrooms have been plastered and painted and finished off with brand new carpets too. All wooden doors and windows around school have been replaced and lots of general maintenance has been carried out to generally improve the quality of the learning environment for our pupils. We are delighted with the quality of the work. The classrooms feel significantly larger and brighter and will transform the experience for the children in these rooms.

We strive to provide an 'open-door policy' for parents and families. This year we continue to have staff available each day as you drop off and pick up your children so you can talk to us if you need to and we would encourage you to do so. If you have any concerns or you require a longer appointment with your child's class teacher, key stage leader, Mrs Milner or myself, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time. Working together will help us to ensure your child has the best possible experience at St. Bernadette's.

With every best wish for the year ahead!

Mrs Fallon

Welcome to our school

Mrs McGuigan and Miss Rogers are thrilled with how well our new Reception Class children have settled into school this week. They have been busy finding their way around and making new friends. We also welcomed other new pupils higher up our school. We hope you will all be very happy at St. Bernadette's.



On Thursday, the Key Stage 2 children had their annual Judo Assembly. Judo is the only after school club that will be held this half term. Mrs Fallon is a very quick learner! She made throwing Steven, our Judo coach, look easy.



Congratulations

These were the children who achieved 100% attendance last year. They did not miss a single session between September and July. What an achievement! Each of them were delighted to receive a St. Bernadette's teddy bear and a certificate.

I wonder if we could have even more children in our picture, this time next year? Good luck!



Keyboard Lessons

We were sorry to hear that Judith Richardson, our keyboard teacher is unable to continue her work here at St. Bernadette's this year. She will be a real miss. We shall keep you informed if we are able to offer any other musical opportunities.

Medication



Can all parents ensure that they give children's inhalers and epipens to their new class teacher. A new medical form will need to be filled out for each form of medication. These are available now from the school office.
Many Thanks!

Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club got off to a great start, this week. Here are the children and staff on their very first day. There were twenty five children by this morning! Breakfast club begins at 7.30am and costs £3 with Breakfast and £2 without. This can be paid through ParentPay. Parents may use childcare vouchers if they wish. Booking is essential as places are limited and must be made by 4pm on Thursday for the following week. For more information follow the link from the Parent Information page on

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk



This is a reproduction of the painting 'The Boat of the Poor' by the English Romantic painter J.M.W. Turner. The painting depicts a group of people, including a woman with a dog, walking along a path towards a boat on a hill. The scene is set in a landscape with a cloudy sky and a body of water in the background. The painting is characterized by its soft, atmospheric style and its focus on the lives of the poor.

A large group of children and adults posing for a group photo outdoors in front of a red building. The children are arranged in several rows, sitting and standing, many wearing swimwear and hats. A sign on the building reads "emergency vehicles".

Year 6 at High Borrans



As is tradition at St. Bernadette's, our Year 6 children spent this week at High Borrans, an outdoor activity centre in the Lake District. Miss Harrison is full of praise for the children who have done everything from hill walking to cave crawling. They have all behaved impeccably and had a fantastic time.

Look out for photographs on next week's blog!

A special "Thank you!" to all the staff and volunteers who accompany the children and without whose goodwill these trips would not be possible.

School Uniform

Our children look so smart in their new school uniforms. Can we remind parents that every garment should be labelled with your child's name. Just a few children are wearing bright trainers. These are not allowed. Shoes should be black. Also if your child has recently had their ears pierced, please cover them before they come to school each day-until earrings can be removed. Accidents can happen if earrings are caught. So let's stay safe!!!



Sports/Achievements Page



We are so proud of Lana.

She completed the Summer Reading Challenge we told you about on our last blog. Here she is with her medal and certificate.

Congratulations Lana!



Look carefully for Dominic. Here he is on top of the world or at least 735m of it in the Lake District mountains.

What an amazing climb!

Everyone is very proud of you!



Hannah is back on our achievement page once again! During the holidays she gained her 400m swimming award. I wonder if she was inspired by the swimmers in Rio? Great work, Hannah!



email christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk with your special achievements.

Many congratulations to Charlie on being awarded his white/yellow belt for kickboxing. His grandad sent this photo in to us. Well done Charlie!



Lucas completed The Big Read Challenge this summer too.

He was delighted to receive his medal and certificate from North Tyneside Mayor, Norma Redfearn.

Congratulations, Lucas!

Fun Fitness

"Fun Fitness" is the name of this very enterprising group of friends. They decided to launch their own fitness club for morning playtimes. They put together a business plan and took it to Mrs Fallon. This explained how their mission was to help the children at St. Bernadette's become even fitter and healthier. She agreed to back their plan and their first session took place this week. Congratulations girls! We wish you luck!

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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Star of the Week

Nursery am	
Nursery pm	
Reception (DM)	All of Reception Class
Reception (AR)	for a great first week!
Year 1	Luke
Year 1/2	Joseph D-B
Year 2	Eve
Year 3	William
Year 3/4	Matthew McD
Year 4	Grace Z
Year 5	Emmanuel
Year 5/6	Nieve P
Year 6	Mollie A

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 12th-16th September Y5 children @ High Borrans

Tuesday, 13th September Yoga Bugs in Rec. Class.

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Parish News

St. Bernadette's Parish are holding a MacMillan
Coffee Morning on

Saturday, 24th September 2016 from 12noon
onwards

Donations welcome! Come along & join the fun!

Holy Toast Winner



Our Mission Value



This half term our Mission Value is
"Family"

Attendance of the
week

Y3 Miss Hall
Congratulations!
100%