



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*

# Bernadette's Blog



## Harvest Festival



This week, we have been celebrating the Gifts of Harvest.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way towards the collection for the elderly members of our community and for "Walking With"

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a talk from Jean and Carol, "Walking With" volunteers, who explained to the children how important and essential these donations are.

Thanks to Kora, Mya and Megan for making up the harvest bags.



# Collective Worship

On Wednesday morning Y3 were delighted to welcome lots of mums, dads and grand-parents into school to share in their Collective Worship.

It was a lovely celebration of prayer and song on the theme of "Harvest"

The event took place out of doors in our Wild Garden. There were campfires burning as the children and their families took part in a Prayer Hunt.

A splendid vegetable soup was shared to remind everyone of the wonderful gifts of Harvest.

A memorable time was had by all.

Many thanks to Mr Milner and his class for all their preparations.



Year 3 led us in our first outdoor harvest collective worship.







# Poppies

Thank you for all your support this week for the Poppy Appeal.

Special thanks to Rachael, Lewis, Jamie and Alice, the Mini Vinnies who took time out of their playtimes to be on duty selling the items.

We shall let you know how much has been collected after the box is collected by the British Legion.



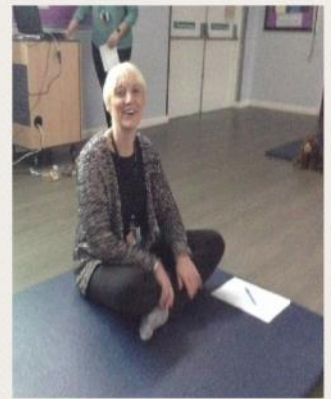


# Our Mindfulness Coffee Morning

On Thursday morning some of our Reception Class parents joined Mrs Walker and Miss Kincaid to learn about some of the Mindfulness strategies used in school, with the children,

To help them self regulate their feelings and behaviour.

It was a very zen moment of the week.



# Happy Retirement, Mrs Thompson!

Today we shall be saying a very fond farewell to our dinner nanny, Mrs Thompson. It was back in 1994 that Mrs Thompson began working in our school, when her four young daughters attended.

The girls grew up and moved on but Mrs Thompson stayed - for the next twenty five years! She has watched the next generation and has seen her grandchildren too move through the school. Olivia, Henry and Josie are still with us now.

Mrs Thompson has been an ever patient, kind and gentle member of our lunch time team, always ready to listen, help and encourage our children.

We shall miss her but we know that she deserves a rest and is looking forward to new adventures in her retirement.

Thank you for everything, Carol!! Enjoy every moment!



## Vacancies

Could you be the next Mrs Thompson?

We have **two vacancies for Midday supervisors** in school.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please visit our school website

**[www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)**

You will find all the information you need and an application form to download on the "About Us" page.

## Happy Hallowe'en!

Massive thanks must go to Alison and her team for all their hard work organising the Hallowe'en

Discos enjoyed by the children this week.

Their organisation was as always above and beyond.

Thanks to all the parents who dressed their children up.

They looked amazing!

(I am sure we will have lots of photos to share with you on our next blog-but as the blog deadline is noon on Thursdays, these events happened too late for this week's publication.)

We hope you all have a lovely celebration next Thursday.

Don't forget to stay safe!





# PTA News



## Annual Christmas Cards

Your child has now brought home their Christmas Card Design. If you wish to purchase any, you then need to pay for your cards

### ONLINE by Sunday 3rd November

with your unique code—instructions are on the form.

Once you have paid for your cards online you **MUST RETURN YOUR** child's design to school by Monday 4th November.

All designs will be sent off to Cauliflower cards from school.



## Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday, 23rd November at 12 noon-2pm

Anyone who would like to be an independent stall holder for this event, get in touch with the office please: 0191 643 3400

If anyone has any unwanted unused items for the gift tombola, could they be donated via the school office please.

## Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to take part in 2019's Operation Christmas Child's Greatest Journey of Love campaign, our date for

collection is

Monday, 18th November.

Eleven boxes so far!

Thank you!



# Happy Birthday!



Birthday wishes also go to Cole-Lee who has been poorly this week!



## Don't Forget!

We are on holiday next week.

We shall see you all on

Monday, 4th November.

Have a lovely week.



# Sports and Achievements

Congratulations to Jack, Xander, Alex, Aaron, William, Dylan, Hugo, Harry, Ewan, Bobby and Mr Gillie!

The lads played Stephenson Memorial last Thursday afternoon and won, 13:1!! No wonder the other team didn't turn up! Well done!



Sienna is delighted to have been awarded her 5m swimming badge.

Congratulations, Sienna—there will be no stopping you now!



Here's Katherine with her very first swimming badge and certificate—a Stage 1. Congratulations, Katherine!



We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: [office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)



A special shout out to Kora and Anna, who held a cake sale in their street to raise money to buy produce for our Harvest project. That's

"Living the Gospel" Congratulations!

Isabelle gained her Stage 6 in Ice Hockey for Whitley Bay Warriors  
Congratulations, Isabelle!



Halloween pop up café and crafts at St Mary's Lighthouse  
Looking for a fun half term activity? Come join us for tasty treats and creepy crafts at our fun sessions in the lighthouse pop-up café serving hot drinks and snacks with lovely views.

Pop up café and crafts open...	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30 - 12:00
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30 - 12:30
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10:30 - 13:00



- Enjoy the views and wildlife as you walk over the causeway, visit the bird-hide on the island.
- All welcome, crafts are suitable for children over 3 and cost £3 per child (biscuit decorating, a hot chocolate and some fun craft activities which we recommend takes about 1 hour.) We suggest booking but you can also drop-in during the times above.
- The lighthouse is also open and you can climb it during the times listed above (£3.30adult, £1.70child over 5). Children must be accompanied.
- We sell hot drinks at 50p if you bring your own reusable (clean) mug (£1.70 if not)!

To book please call 0191 643 4778





# Messages from the School Office

## Breakfast Club/OOSC

Parents and Carers

**MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB AND/OR OUR NEW OOSC (Out of School Club)**

Miss Coates has been busy and has put the booking forms up on the website for the next half term. So you can be really organised!

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week. Please, please book on as we have far too many late comers. As these clubs become more popular-we must know numbers as early as possible for staffing arrangements to be put in place.

Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out!

Please remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.



## Pupil Absence



If you do not inform us via ParentMail or the telephone absence line that your child will not be in school, you will receive a text message asking you to call the school office.

This message will not reach you if you have an incorrect mobile number attached to your parentmail account. Please check that yours is correct. Thank you.

## Free Hi-Vis Vests Available

Be prepared for those dark winter mornings and evenings!  
Free Hi-Vis vests available from school office. Just pop in!



**Safety First!** Please may we ask that children and parents use the pathways around the car park and do not go across the middle. Many thanks!

## Don't forget!

Start the week with Holy Toast  
MONDAYS 20p





Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820  
[www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk](http://www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk)



# Star of the Week

## Dates for your Diary

Fri 25th Oct EY & KS1 Hallowe'en Discos  
 Break up for Half Term.

For more dates check out our website at  
[www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

Holy

Toast

Winners!



Nursery	Everyone for a fantastic half term
Reception (AW)	Lydia
Reception (SK)	Lucy
Year 1	Luciam
Year 1/2	Bobby G
Year 2	Eva C
Year 3	Ava T
Year 3/4	Lucy
Year 4	Louis
Year 5	Mya
Year 5/6	Hollie P
Year 6	Natan

This half term we have raised over £150 to help send a child to Lourdes. Thanks for your support!!



## Mission Value: Humility

Our Scripture for this week



### Attendance of the week

This will be announced at our celebration assembly.