



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Our Advent Hope Project

Bernadette's Blog

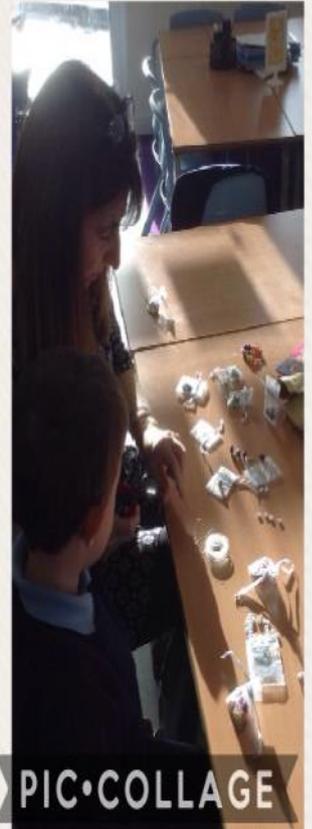
Sunday sees the start of Advent and our new Advent Challenge. This

year we will be spreading hope with our 'Hope Project'. Each child in school will be making a bracelet with the word hope. They will then be giving these as gifts to

people they know who may be in need of hope or leaving them in random places to be found. Our hope is that these bracelets spread hope within our community to those who especially need the message of hope this Christmas.

We have set up a Facebook profile page to track the progress of the project. Why not follow us at **St Bernadette's Hope Project**- don't forget the apostrophe.

We will keep you updated on how our children are meeting their challenge this Advent.



Our Travelling Cribs

Advent begins this Sunday. As always, starting on Monday, children in each class will be invited to bring home one of our Travelling Cribs. Each Travelling Crib contains a Nativity set of figures, a candle, some colouring pencils (and a sharpener!) a special prayer card, a story book and some pictures to colour in.

We hope that you will enjoy sharing this resource as a family and that it will help us all to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

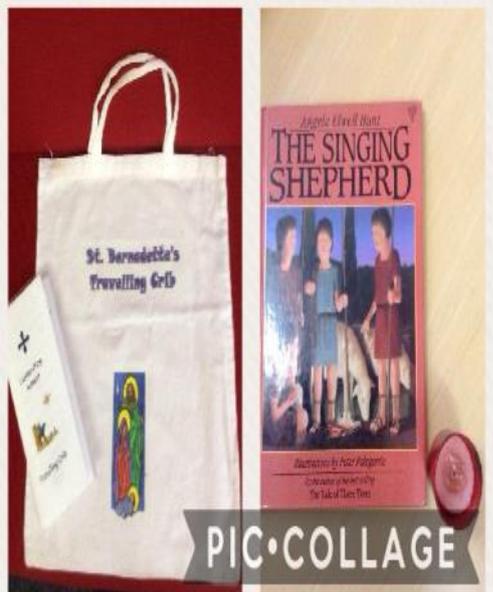
Why not send a photo of your children with the travelling crib at home to appear on our blog?

Send it to:

christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk



Our Travelling Cribs sharing the story of Christmas in Advent



Lower Key Stage Two Visit Vindolanda

Last Friday the children in Year 3, 3/4 and 4 visited the Hadrian's Wall site, Vindolanda.

It was a very cold but sunny day and nothing could dampen the children's enthusiasm for the visit. They enjoyed looking at the historical remains set amongst magnificent scenery of Northumberland.

They went to the museum to learn what life would have been like for a Roman living on and building the wall.

A massive "Thank you!" must go to the parents and grandparents who accompanied the children on this visit and to our wonderful PTA who helped finance the coaches.

It is contributions like this that make our school trips possible. Please come along on Friday and support their Christmas Fair to raise funds for future causes.



LOWER KS2 VISITED
VINDOLANDA AND
LEARNED ABOUT LIFE
AS A ROMAN ON
HADRIAN'S WALL.



PIC•COLLAGE

Important Reminders for All Parents and Carers

Parents and Carers **MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.**

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week.

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

Please do not come onto the staff carpark to drop your child.



School Shoes

May we politely remind parents that our school uniform states

"Black shoes. No trainers."

in case you need to go shoe shopping for next term.

Thank you!



Car Park Safety

During these dark winter afternoons when it is icy underfoot and visibility is poor, we ask that parents and carers using the Barking Dog Car Park be extra careful and vigilant.

It takes only a moment for an accident to happen and we all want to keep our children safe.

Christmas Jumpers Next Week!



Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for Team day on

Wednesday

AND again on

Thursday

for Christmas Dinner if they would like to!



CD Players

Reception are looking for personal CD players to enjoy audio books. If you are planning to upgrade your tech this Christmas or if anyone has an old one lying around at home...

Please keep us in mind!



Safety First

Please be aware that during icy weather the footpaths nearest to the school are salted for your safety. The MUGA and the Stage area decking are out of bounds. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

St. Bernadette's Christmas Diary 2017

Tuesday, 5th Dec.—Nursery Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 6th Dec.—Team Christmas Craft Morning

Thursday, 7th Dec-Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 8th Dec.—Reception Nativity 9.30am

PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 12th Dec.—Rec. Classes to Rising Sun Grotto

Wednesday, 13th Dec. KS 1 Nativity 2pm

(Y1 parents only)

Thursday, 14th Dec.KS1 Nativity 9.30am

(Y2 parents only)

Friday 15th Dec.—Rec. Party in school hall 1.30pm

LKS2 Disco 1.30pm-3pm*

UKS 2 Disco 4.30pm-6pm*

(*Both these events will take place in the Parish Centre. LKS2 children will be walked to to and from the centre by staff.)

Wednesday, 20th Dec.- Nursery Parties

KS2 Nativity in Church 6pm

Thursday, 21st Dec.- KS1 Party in school hall

1.15pm

In order to help parents and carers organise arrangements we have provided above a list of planned Christmas Events. We shall do our very best to keep to the list of dates and promise to let you know asap if unavoidable changes have to happen.

PTA Christmas Plans!



Christmas Fair Friday, 8th December at 3.30pm

The children are creating extraordinary button themed crafts that will be displayed at the fair and available for you to buy.

We will have a wide variety of local businesses coming in with their beautiful handcrafted goods. There are great ideas for gifts and stocking fillers.

Come and join us for lots of Christmas refreshments.

We have loads of fun planned to entertain the children including Tinsel Pull game, find Rudolf's golden carrot, snowball fight, find the golden cracker, Advent Calendar game and Chocolate and Bottle tombolas to name a few.



Christmas Raffle

Win luxury hampers donated by the staff and a beautiful cake among other prizes.

Tickets are £1 a strip. Tickets should have been brought home to you already.

Simply write your name and contact details on the back of the strip of tickets and return to school with the money.



Team Craft Day

Team Craft Day is on Wednesday 6th December and is a Christmas Jumper Day.

To celebrate we ask that donations are brought in for the tombolas. Please ensure all donations are in date, thank you!

Chocolate for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Bottles for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



Can You Bake?

We always receive lovely, delicious cake donations, which we are thankful for. These can be left Friday, 8th December. Please name any containers that you would like back.

We also need volunteers. Can you give some of your time? Perhaps you and a friend could stall share. Without valuable volunteers we are not able to run events like this.

Please text Alison Russell on 07901 622797 if you can help.

Sports and Achievements



Here is Sadie with the trophy she was awarded for being the best student in her karate class, this week. Fantastic!!



Anna is delighted to have been awarded her very first certificate for swimming. She brought it in to show us. Well done Anna!



We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk

Charlie has been awarded the trophy for effort and attitude in his Judo Class. That is brilliant, Charlie! Keep it up!



On Sunday, Niamh swam in the Diddy Gala. She was named "Best Girl Swimmer" and awarded a lovely trophy. But better still she was given a signed swimming cap from her hero, Olympic medallist Adam Peaty!



It has been a busy week for Henry! Here he is with his man of match medal from football, and he also passed his stage 2 and gained his 5m at swimming! Congratulations, Henry! We are delighted for you!



Big sis, Olivia had her successes this week too! Here she is pictured with her 20m swimming badge. Well done, Olivia.



Even More Sports and Achievements



Here is Joshua with his badge and certificate for passing his Stage One Octopus award in swimming.
Well done!



Jack has two reasons to celebrate this week!

He was awarded this magnificent trophy for his achievements in Rugby and he passed his Stage 2 Award in Swimming.

Good lad, Jack!

Tyler had the most exciting weekend, ever!

He was chosen as a Newcastle United football mascot on Saturday's match against Watford for all of his courage, love and support he has for his brother and his Mam and Dad. He was even lucky enough to be on match of the day.

A treasured memory forever and one that is truly deserved.

Congratulations, Tyler! We are all so proud of you!



What's on?

St. Bernadette's
PTA
Christmas
Fair
Next
Friday 8th
December at
3.30pm!
See you there!



Beacon Hill
School
Christmas
Fair
Next
Wednesday 6th
December at
4.30pm!
See you there!



CHRISTMAS
FUN HOUSE

Saturday December 16th
1pm-3.30pm

FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS FUN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS
Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Crafts, Tuck shop

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our **Book Fair!**

There were some real bargains to be had and we hope you are happy with your purchases. Our School Library benefits from a percentage of the profits and Mrs Walker will let you know the final results of the takings in the near future.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our Christmas Dinner Day will be next Thursday, 7th December.

The cost is £2.10 per child payable online as usual. Have a look at Dot's lovely menu!

Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers again for this special day!

Roast Turkey
Chipolata Sausage
Sage and Onion Stuffing
or
Quorn Roast

Served with
Roast Potatoes
Diced Carrots
Peas
Sprouts

Seasonal Ice Cream Dessert
or
Christmas Pudding and Vanilla Sauce



Everybody needs

Good Neighbours

- Do you need help with small jobs around the house or garden?
- Could you use the support of a friendly face for running errands?
- Are you struggling to stay on top of everyday tasks?

VODA's Good Neighbours project recruits, trains and supports volunteers to be just that - a good neighbour. If you - or someone you know - could use this sort of help, we can put you in touch with volunteers who can provide it.

Contact us for more information about volunteering:
Ian Brigstock at VODA on 0191 643 2633 or email ian.brigstock@voda.org.uk

Could you be a Good Neighbour?

- Do you have some time or practical skills to give?
- Want to lend a neighbourly hand in your community?
- Would you like to meet new people and help those who need it?

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Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820
www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

5th Dec Flu Immunisation Day
 Nursery Nativity 9.30am

6th Dec Team Craft Morning

7th Dec Christmas Dinner Day

8th Dec Reception Nativity 9.30am
 PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm

14th May-18th May 2018 Year 6 SATs Week

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Nursery am	Luciam
Nursery pm	Isaac
Reception (DM)	Sophie
Reception (SK)	Oliver
Year 1	Jude
Year 1/2	Ollie
Year 2	Chloe C
Year 3	Ben T
Year 3/4	Oliver H
Year 4	Lily P
Year 5	Niamh S
Year 5/6	Rosa
Year 6	Oliver D

Holy Toast Winners



Our Mission Value

Our value for this half term is
Hope
 Look out for our special
 Advent Project!



Attendance of the
week
Year 5
97.9%
 Congratulations!