



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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PTA Christmas Fair

Bernadette's Blog

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our wonderful PTA at our Christmas Fair last Friday.

It was a real success-raising

£1,700!

Lots of fun was had by all!
All the raffle prizes have now been claimed-a full list of winners is available in the school office.

(If you were lucky enough to win one of the three hampers-please can we ask that you return the basket-so it can be used again!)

We still have lots of the Christmas Button Craft canvases here. It is not too late to purchase your child's at a cost of **£2.50**

Special thanks, as always, must go to Alison and her team who did such a fantastic job in organising, setting up and clearing away.

We so appreciate all their hard work.

You are all amazing!



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Our KS1 Nativity

Mrs Walker, Miss Rogers and Miss Jones were chuffed with the efforts of our KS 1 children this week.

They put on not one, but two performances of "Lights, Camel, Action!"

It felt like Strictly and X Factor combined!

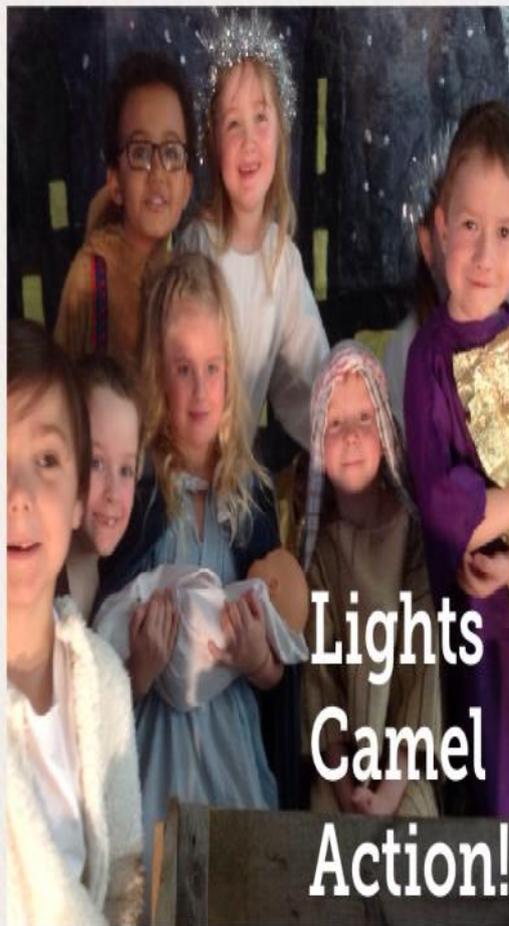
A lively time was had by all!

As they sang and danced their hearts out.

Cheers and boos echoing around the hall as they retold the story of Jesus' birth in a unique way.

Fab-u-lous!!

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in the audience.



Reception Visit to Santa's Grotto

On Tuesday morning our Reception Class climbed into their wellies, put on their hats, gloves and scarves and set off in the snowy sunshine to walk up to the Rising Sun Grotto...to see **SANTA!!** It was a magical visit-walking through the winter wonderland of the Rising Sun Country Park.

When they arrived there were lots of lovely activities for them all to take part in-as well as meeting Father Christmas!

A fabulous time was had by all. Many thanks to the sixteen parents and grandparents who helped accompany the children.

We were glad to hear that you enjoyed the outing as much as the children did!



Early Year's Visit from Santa's Elf

On Wednesday our Nursery (pm) and Reception Classes had a very special visit from HersElf-one of Santa's elves. She put aside time in her busy schedule and came from Winter Wonderland to visit the children in their classrooms. She told them all about Santa's Workshop and they told her all about our Advent Gifts of Hope. HersElf was very impressed and even took some bracelets away for some sick children that she was going to visit.



On Wednesday, the children in Miss Kincaid's class had a special treat. Lucia brought in traditional gingerbread treats to celebrate St. Lucia's feast day. They were yummy! Thank you, Lucia!



Our Hope Project Update!

Our Advent Hope Project continues to thrive.

The facebook site is a hive of activity.

More bracelets will be taken home this weekend by some children.

We thought this week, we would share just two of the lovely responses we have received.



Dear St Bernadette's

Milo who's my Grandson gave me GoH letter and present on Saturday because he knows I work away and thought it would cheer me up a bit. As it happens I took with me on my return to work in Switzerland and after a very tiring and tedious journey, with a very early start, I found myself on Monday in a very cold and gloomy railway station in Basel, not the sort of scene they put on a box of biscuits, I remembered I'd brought the envelope so I took it out the letter and re-read it and it did indeed lift my spirits.

Not only that, out of four guys travelling back to the site that day I was the only one who made it, the others were held up by bad weather, one made it in as late as yesterday.

I have an idea that someone was keeping an eye on me that day and the GoH had something to do with it.

Thank you for organising it, Milo and Honey have got an immense amount out of it, more than you can imagine and so have his parents and Sheila and I so thanks again.

The very best wishes for Christmas.

Frank Conway

Hello my name is Peter Jones, I am a Deacon in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, based at St. Aloysious and St. James parish in Hebburn and the catholic chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Gateshead.

I found your Gift of Hope card and the lovely bracelet made by Aaron one of your pupils in the Chapel at the Q.E.hospital

The words and the sentiments on the card and on the sheet explaining what you are doing are great and really gave me hope for the future.

Please thank all the children for what they are doing and thank especially Aaron on my behalf.

You are obviously doing great work across the river in Wallsend!

This coming Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and I will be using the card and the gift in my sermon at our Masses to highlight the joy and the hope that you are witnessing.

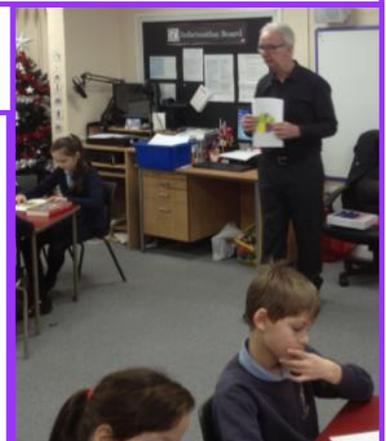
Thank you once again,

Peter

A Visit from Fr John

Father John came to visit Lower Key Stage 2 this week. He talked to us all about Advent and how the church is different during this special time of preparation.

We were really pleased Father could spend some time with us.



Our Travelling Cribs

Phoebe enjoyed setting up the nativity scene, when she took the travelling crib home at the weekend.



Here is Theo enjoying the Travelling Crib with his little brother Alex. Love the Christmas pjs, lads!



Here is Ruby, with her little brother Olly, learning about the story of baby Jesus with the help of the travelling crib.



Here is Ava. She enjoyed setting up the Travelling Crib in front of her Christmas tree at home.



Megan enjoyed taking the travelling crib home with her, to share with her family.



Josie said her prayers while she was busy with the travelling crib.



Special Delivery



Mollie had a special delivery this week. A letter from Santa. It says she is on the Nice List, this year. Thank goodness!!

Safety First!

Please, please can you stick to the pathways nearest school, that are gritted in this icy weather. Barriers are put up to stop you walking across the MUGA where it can be very slippery.

Thank you!

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.



Messages from the Office

ParentPay

There are still quite a few Trips/Clubs that need to be paid for. Please can parents/carers please pay for these items as soon as possible. If you have more than one item you can pay for them in one transaction once they appear in your Shop Basket.

All Year 5's

Are there any more children in Year 5 wishing to sign up to High Borrans for September 2018, as we still have spaces available. Please complete the google form via the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/>

Once you have signed up we will request the deposit via ParentPay.

February Half Term Sports Club

We are delighted to inform you that following the success of our first Half Term Sports Club, Premier Sport are going to be holding another club in our school during

February Half Term

12th-16th February

We shall of course be sending you out more information nearer the time but we know how important it is for parents and carers to make arrangements in advance. So we thought we would let you know it about it now.



SATs Night for Year 6 Parents

Parents and carers of our Year 6 children are invited to come into school on

Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 5pm

to meet with Mrs Hall and Miss Hall, our Y6 teachers to find out what the term ahead will involve in preparation for the Year 6 SAT tests.

UFA (University of the First Age) preparation sessions will be held after school every Tuesday evening from **Tuesday, 16th January from 3.30pm-5pm** until

14th May-18th May 2018

Year 6 SATs Week



Sports and Achievements



Gracie was delighted when she passed her Stage 5 swimming award and her 50m distance badge.
Double celebration!
Congratulations, Gracie!



Alfie took part in the SA Academy's Christmas performance at the weekend.
He did brilliantly!
Well done, Alfie!



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

Isabel passed her stage 3 swimming on Monday. Her teacher says she's their little mermaid!
She's super proud of herself as are we!



Jesca's family had a very lovely celebration this weekend. She was baptised by Fr John at St. Aidan's Church. What a very special day!



Massive congratulations to George!
He gained his yellow belt in Karate this week.
Brilliant stuff!



Jacob didn't let the snow stop him going swimming on Monday. He was rewarded with his 5m distance badge. We are very proud of you, Jacob!

Hannah also passed her 10m and Stage 3 awards in swimming. Well done, Hannah!



Hannah was thrilled to gain her Stage 8 award for Gymnastics this week. Congratulations, Hannah!



What's on?



St. Bernadette's Christmas Diary 2017

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



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



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

- 15th Dec 1pm Reception Christmas Party in school hall
 1.30pm LKS2 Christmas Party in Parish Centre
 4.30pm UKS2 Christmas Party in Parish Centre
 Autumn Reports out
- 18th Dec Reception (DM) singing at Charlton Court
- 19th Dec Reception (SK) singing at Charlton Court
- 20th Dec Nursery Parties
 Reception 50 Bedtime Stories Challenge Celeb
 6pm KS2 Nativity in Church
- 21st Dec KS1 party 1pm
- 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas Holidays!
- 9th Jan SATs Night for Y6 parents and carers
- 14th May-18th May 2018 Year 6 SATs Week

Nursery am	Ruby
Nursery pm	Kim
Reception (DM)	Harvey
Reception (SK)	Dolly
Year 1	Poppy
Year 1/2	Rachael
Year 2	Ellie S
Year 3	Olivia N
Year 3/4	Elouise
Year 4	Joe
Year 5	Olivia
Year 5/6	Lily T
Year 6	Thomas B

Holy Toast

Holy Toast will resume in the new year.
 Thank you for all your support this term.

Our Mission Value

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



Attendance of the
week
 Y5/6
 100%
 Congratulations!