

Friday, 22nd December, 2017



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words



Mrs Fallon writes...

Bernadette's Blog

Dear children,

As we reach the end of another very busy term, I would like to congratulate you all on your amazing achievements so far this year; your hard work and commitment to learning has been reflected in your end of term reports, your gifts and talents shared on our weekly blog and demonstrated beautifully in our recent nativity performances. This term, as you have settled into your new classes, we have watched you progress through the curriculum and grow in confidence but we have also watched you grow spiritually.

We started the term with a whole school liturgy and shared the story of the Lampedusa cross; a cross made from pieces of a boat that was wrecked on 11 October 2013, off the coast of Lampedusa, in which 311 refugees were drowned en-route from Libya to Europe. We told you of the remarkable way, Mr Tuccio, the island's carpenter, used his skills and talents to make each of the survivors a cross from the wreckage as symbol of HOPE for the future.

You listened, you showed understanding and compassion to the refugee crisis and then, as you do, you went into action! You took the idea of spreading HOPE and using a symbol to do this and, in a way only the children of St. Bernadette's could, you turned it into something magical. It has been an absolute privilege for all of the staff to watch how you have risen brilliantly to the challenge - both in school, in our community, nationally AND internationally! Your kindness, generosity and big hearts have touched many, many people. In fact, as I write this message, over 19,000 people have seen your mission in action across the world. And we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

We have enjoyed reading messages from around the globe as those who have found the bags of HOPE or have been given them have had a small insight into what we have the joy of seeing every day in school—the pupils of St. Bernadette's putting their faith into action and really trying to live our school's vision statement. Well done to you all!

To all parents, carers and our wonderful PTA, 'Thank you' doesn't seem enough to express how much we appreciate everything you do for our school community. It has been a very busy term in school but we do recognise how busy it has been for families too with curriculum evenings, parents evenings, 'stay and play' days, fairs to organsie and attend, nativities and many other events held in school. Your support makes everything so much more special for the children and all funds raised at school events go straight back into the 'pot' to provide our children with a wealth of additional experiences and trips. Your on-going contributions, comments and generosity of time and donations have been overwhelming - thank you!

So, on behalf of the Governors and all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Fallon and all the staff at St. Bernadette's!

Our KS2 Nativity

One hundred and thirty children from our KS2 Classes turned out on Wednesday evening to take part in the performance of **Bethlehem The Musical**.

It was a real Christmas treat of beautiful songs-solos, sung in rounds and groups! There were so many different parts-we must thank all the parents who helped out by providing costumes for their child.

An extra big "Thank you!" must go to Mrs Rudd, who came along to help us with the music for this event. It just wouldn't be Christmas without her!



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Reception Sing at Charlton Court

On Monday and Tuesday Morning, our Reception Classes donned their Christmas jumpers and went along to Charlton Court to sing for the elderly residents.

They were fabulous and sang their hearts out.

The old folk were very appreciative! Sofia gave her Gift of Hope bracelet to Kitty, one of the oldest ladies at 102 years.

She loved it! So much so, that Miss Kincaid's Class had to take lots of bracelets the next day-because everyone wanted one!

A big "Thank you!" to our breakfast club for helping to make them at short notice.



We sang our Christmas carols at Charlton court. Sofia gave Kitty her hope bracelet! Kitty is 102 years old.



Christmas Party Time!

The party season has certainly hit us here at St. Bernadette's! There have been parties and discos galore over the last week or so. The children got all dressed up in their party clothes and played games and danced the time away.

Some of our younger children were lucky enough, that even though he is very busy, Father Christmas came to see them and gave them a gift!



LKS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY! FUN WAS HAD BY ALL! 🎅

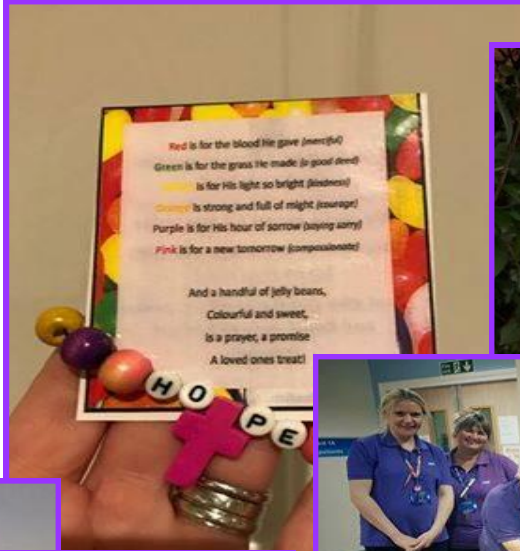


PIC•COLLAGE

Our Year 4 and 5 Classes went along to Church yesterday to sing at Beacon Hill School's Christingle Service. They were great!



Our Hope Project Update!



As our Advent project draws to an end-we would like to thank everyone who has taken part, especially the children who have, as always, amazed us with their enthusiasm in embracing this idea and running with it-further than we could have ever hoped.

The Gift of Hope project has now reached over 19,000 people which is a fantastic achievement.

Let's "Hope" it touches the hearts of even more in 2018!

Our Travelling Cribs

Ollie, and his little brother Seb, enjoyed setting up the Travelling Crib. Ollie then told Seb the whole Nativity story. Nice one, lads.



Caeden enjoyed having the travelling crib at home for the evening. The story was a funny one.



Matthew and Isabelle shared the travelling crib at home. It was fun!



Lily and Ava placed their travelling crib right beside their beautiful Christmas tree.



Carlisle enjoyed sharing the Travelling Crib with his little sister, Nova.



If you still have one of our Travelling Cribs at home, please return it to school at home time. Thank you!

Early Sacrament Preparation Meetings

Father John would like to invite families of those children preparing to celebrate the early Sacraments to two events

Meeting for Parents only on Tuesday January 9th at 6pm
at St Aidan's to talk about their child's involvement in the service

Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation
on Tuesday 16th January at 6pm at St Aidan's



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



Hannah took part in the Tynemouth club championship this weekend and came 6th in the girls 8 & under 25m fly and took a massive 12 seconds off her personal best, she got 2 other personal bests too. Fab!!!



Josephine brought her certificate into school to show us. She was awarded a pass in her Cheer Leading Dance exam. Congratulations, Josie!



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

Lily also took part in Tynemouth's pool Under 8s competition. She came 4th in breaststroke and backstroke. Fantastic!



Lola has been awarded her Bronze award for ballet and her pre-bronze award for Jazz. Brilliant! Well done, Lola!



Jessica brought in the certificates she received for appearing in her stage school's latest show. Well done, Jess!



Niamh had so many awards from the Tynemouth Competition that she couldn't hold them all! As well as 5 gold medals, she was awarded best 9yr old girl, top 50m butterfly and she scored the most points of all competitors under twelve years. Congratulations, Niamh! All your dedication and hard work is paying off.



Max, Berry and Mia are having a magical Christmas! At minus 22 degrees in Santa Claus' Home in Lapland, beside a frozen lake with the elves-called Holly Berry, Star Dust, Melody, Berry Juice, and Snow Drop. How wonderful!

More Sports and Achievements



Congratulations must go to Amber. She passed her orange belt in Kick Boxing, this week. Everyone is very proud of you, Amber!



Here are Lily and Ava with the certificates and trophies they have been awarded for Dance.

Well done, girls!
That's quite a collection!!



Isla was delighted to pass her Stage 1 swimming and 5m distance badge. Well done, Isla!

Anna was delighted to gain her next award in gymnastics, this week. Well done, Anna!



Joe is very proud of his new football medal. We are very proud of you, Joe!



Charlie got a lovely letter from the Edinburgh Samoyed Rescue Society to thank him giving them the Gift of Hope.

Looking forward to next term!

School meal funday is back again! Oh no it's not... Oh yes it is...

Your child is invited to...

PANTOMIME Funday Lunch

DATE: THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2018
PLACE: YOUR SCHOOL DINING HALL

THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2018

SAUSAGE IN A BUN OR VEGETABLE BEAN BURGER IN A BUN
SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF SALADS AND FRIES
...
ICE CREAM DELIGHT
FOREST FRUITS JUICE DRINK

Will you find a GOLDEN TICKET?

Don't miss our special menu, fun and much more

Star Strike Soccer Sessions

Phil and the team will once again be holding their Star Strike Sessions on Wednesdays in the school hall. These will begin on 10th January, 2018 Stay and Play.





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



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

- 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas Holidays!
- 8th Jan Back to school! Spring Term begins!
 Y3 Pedestrian Training
 Y4 working with Religious Artist
- 9th Jan SATs Night for Y6 parents and carers
 6pm Meeting for First Communion Parents @ St. Aidan's
- 16th Jan Y6 UFA begins 3.30pm-5pm
- 19th Jan Dot's Pantomime Celebration Lunch
- 14th May-18th May 2018 Year 6 SATs Week

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Nursery am	Nola
Nursery pm	Imogen
Reception (DM)	Hannah & Charlotte
Reception (SK)	Faye
Year 1	Henry
Year 1/2	Emily D
Year 2	Hack H
Year 3	Bobby F
Year 3/4	Jamie A
Year 4	Leland
Year 5	Erin
Year 5/6	Lauren
Year 6	Jenson

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

Yr 2

97.2%

Congratulations!