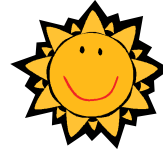


St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter



June 2013

Dear Parent/Carers,

Who would have believed that our first school year could have passed so quickly? This time last year you were patiently waiting to have a look inside the building.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of all staff, for the support you have given to the nursery and school. The wonderful learning environment, coupled with the support from parents, the Church and the local community has helped staff to deliver many unique and vibrant experiences throughout the year. You have worked with us enthusiastically every step of the way and we sincerely thank you for this.

I would also like to publicly thank every member of staff for their hard work and positive attitudes. I am very lucky to lead such a team and I am confident that together we will go on to achieve many great things.

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to **Miss Rooney** who leaves us to join St Mary's in Bo'ness as a permanent class teacher. Both the staff and the children are really sorry to lose her; she has been such a positive presence within the school. We wish her well for the future and our hope is that she will return to St Bernadette's someday.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Mathieson (Support for Learning Assistant) and Mr Murray our PE teacher. Both joined us for a short time and quickly became members of our team.

Staffing Update

I would like to congratulate Miss Allen on becoming Mrs O'Donohue! The pupils and staff would like to wish the new Mr & Mrs O'Donohue best wishes in your married life.

I can now confirm class teachers for the new term in August 2013.

P1 Miss Morrow

P1/2 Mrs Cully

P2/3 Miss Baker

P3/4 Mrs O'Donohue

P4/5 Mr Cloherty

P6/7 Miss McNally

We will have a new member of staff, Nicola Lorenzette, who will join us as nursery teacher for two days each week. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lorenzetti to the school.

Parent Council

My sincere thanks go to the Parent Council and the Fundraising Group for their hard work over this year. They have raised approximately £3,500; an amazing achievement for such a small school.

The Parent Council has been admirably led by Roisin Fulton, the Chairperson. Every single member, too numerous to mention, have worked together with enthusiasm on your behalf. Their interest in school life has been very welcome; it has been a pleasure to work with them.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Bridgeman and Asda for their generosity. Asda have donated ice creams and snacks for fun days and activities all thanks to Mrs Bridgeman's contact with the school.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbours who have contributed everything from their precious time, to their home baking!

Parent Council Summer Fayre

The Parent Council Summer Fayre was a huge success thanks to the wonderful weather. Thank you to our wonderful Parent Council and Fundraising Group for all their time and efforts in making the day so enjoyable. Thank you to Miss Intercontinental for officially opening the fayre and to all the helpers who volunteered to help on the stalls. The total raised so far is an amazing £1800!

Skip A Thon

The skip a thon was a huge success with all the children taking part. Money is still coming in and I would ask that you please send any sponsor money in to the school office by Friday, 14th of June. I will update you with a final total after Friday.

Annie Jnr

The tickets for Annie Jnr are selling fast and we now have a limited number available. If you haven't purchased your tickets, they are on sale from the school office at the cost of £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Tea and coffee will be available and raffle tickets will be on sale.

Pupil Reports

Pupil reports will be issued to parents and carers on Friday, 21st of June. This will be a summary of your child's progress throughout the year.

Leavers' Mass

Canon Urquhart will celebrate Mass to give thanks for the success of the school and to say goodbye to our seven P7 girls. This will take place in the school on **Thursday 27th June at 11am**. Immediately following this Mass we will have a slide show to reminding us of all the fun events we have had throughout the year. Parents and friends of St Bernadette's are warmly welcomed to join us at this Mass.

P7 Leavers

Staff will join our P7 girls for dinner on **Monday 24th June at 6.30pm**.

Fun Afternoon



To thank the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm we have arranged an afternoon of fun on **Thursday 27th of June** from 1pm to 3pm. There will be bouncy castles tasty treats and more!

Thank you to the Parent Council for agreeing to fund this event. Please ensure your child wears long trousers that do not have any attachments, zips or studs that might damage the bouncy castles.

Summer Holidays

The school will close on Friday 28th of June at 1pm for the summer holidays and will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 21st of August at 9am.

Parishioners Coffee Morning

The last coffee morning took place at the end of May. The final cream tea was a great success and I would like to thank the local Parishioners for all their hard work during this year. We hope to continue the coffee mornings on the last Wednesday of each month from August.

Inverclyde Residential

P7 have recently returned from their 4 night residential trip to Inverclyde. It was a great success and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The children participated in a variety of activities such as ice skating, archery, wall climbing, orienteering, sailing and cycling around Millport. The girls came first in the orienteering challenge and won the Karaoke competition!

For some pupils this trip was the children's first experience of being away from home. This is a great achievement for all pupils and their behaviour throughout the trip is to be commended. Thank you to Miss McNally who gave up her own time to accompany the pupils over the five days.

Pictures of the trip can be found on Twitter @p67missmcnally.

School Blog/Internet Safety

Please continue to check our school blog regularly. We now have a calendar of events for parents to access. This will allow you to check when events are taking place.

The address is: <http://stbernadettesprimary.primaryblogger.co.uk/>

Parents are encouraged to be vigilant with their child's use of social networking sites as there has been an increase in the reported cases of on-line bullying nationally.

St Bernadette's Parent Council have their own page which provides information for parents via the school blog.

School Uniform

A number of items of clothing are found in the school on a daily basis without names. Please ensure that your child's name is on all school clothing, especially at this time of year when the weather is getting warmer and clothing is discarded.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you have a long, hot and peaceful summer and I look forward with enthusiasm to working with you again in year two of St Bernadette's

Cathy Quinn ☺
Headteacher

Dates for Your diary

June

13 th	P1 Induction 11am – 1pm
14 th	Sports Day*
17 th	Nursery Celebration 10.30am/2.00pm
17 th – 18 th	P7 Transition to St Mungo's High
19 th	Final Fling Disco – 6.30 – 8pm
25 th and 26 th	Drama Club performances of 'ANNIE'
27 th	End of Term Mass & P7 Assembly
27 th	Children's Fun Day Afternoon!
28 th	School closes for summer at 1pm

We will send out more information on these events nearer the time. There will be additional dates added and some may be changed but we will keep you informed.

Please check the school calendar on the blog for up to date calendar of events.

* In the event of bad weather this date may change.

August

21 st	School re-opens after summer holiday
29 th	Tempest Photography - pupil photos

FALKIRK COUNCIL: EDUCATION SERVICES

Agreed Term Dates for Session 2013-2014

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Term Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	
		<u>Staff</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
Autumn Term Begins (Staff Only - Dev Day)	Monday 19 August 2013 Tuesday 20 August 2013		
Autumn Term Begins (Pupils)	Wednesday 21 August 2013		
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 11 October 2013	39	37
Winter Term Begins	Tuesday 22 October 2013		
Winter Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2013	45	44
Spring Term Begins	Monday 6 January 2014		
Spring Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2014	63	62
Summer Term Begins	Tuesday 22 April 2014		
Summer Term Ends	Friday 27 June 2014	48	47
Less Term Time Public Holidays			
Less Staff Development Days			
		<u>195</u>	<u>190</u>

Term Time Public Holidays

Monday 9 September 2013
Friday 14 February 2014
Monday 17 February 2014
Friday 18 April 2014 (Good Friday)
Monday 21 April 2014 (Easter Monday)
Monday 5 May 2014

Staff Development Days

Monday 19 August 2013
Tuesday 20 August 2013
Monday 21 October 2013
Thursday 13 February 2014
Friday 2 May 2014