



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words



Bernadette's Blog Operation Christmas Child

On Wednesday, our shoeboxes were collected by the people from the charity, Samaritan's Purse.

They were absolutely thrilled with the

127

Shoeboxes which you have very generously contributed this year.

A huge "Thank you!" to each and every one of you.

In the afternoon, Mrs McGuigan and Mrs Milner took some children from each Key Stage down to the Operation Christmas Child depot, so that they could see what happens with their parcels after they leave us.



Advent Begins and Cribs will Travel

This Sunday, will be the First Sunday of Advent.

This is the time of year when we, as a Church begin to prepare for the Coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Many of our children will enjoy opening doors on their Advent Calendars very soon.

Here at school, we want to share with you some of our Mission Value of Joy this Advent and we shall be sending a little joy hidden behind an Advent Door each day.

We shall also be sending home our

Travelling Cribs.

Look out for a letter on Monday.

These are a well loved tradition and a great way to share the true meaning of Christmas with your child.

We would love to see them being used at home-so if you like-email a

photo to:

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The first Advent candle, also known as the Bethlehem candle, is called the candle of:

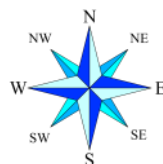
Hope



Year 1/2 can travel too!

Year 1/2 will be able to travel as well as our Travelling Cribs soon.

They have been busy this week learning how to read the points of the compass. They would easily find their way to Bethlehem! now!



7000 Books Before Summer!

Our Reading Challenge

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a positive impact on children's progress in vocabulary, spelling and even mathematics.

This year at St Bernadette's R.C. Primary School, we are setting a reading challenge for pupils in years one to six to read '7000 Books Before Summer'! Every time your child completes a reading book and has their reading log completed they will earn a raffle ticket. The school is aiming to read more than 7000 books before we break up for summer.

Rewards:

When children read a book, they earn a raffle ticket. A ticket is drawn out of the box in Friday's celebration assembly - the lucky winner from each class gets to sit on the **Wonderful Readers** lunch table on a Monday which has special perks.

Phase competitions - Each week, every class will record the number of books read in their class on the **school book worm**. As every class will have a colour, it will make it obvious to see which class is reading the most, hence creating an inter-phase competition.

At the end of each half term the class in each phase that has read the most books will get a small **treat**. This may be an extra-long play time, hot chocolate and story, or a Lego session. The class can decide.

Children have the long term incentive that if they reach the whole school book target they will be able to take part in a treat day at the end of the year.

How can you help?

By listening to, supporting and encouraging your child to read as much as possible and signing the children's home school reading diaries. Supplementing the reading of school books with books from home and also including these in their home school readers.

Updates

I will be posting updates of how our school's book count is progressing via the school blog at the end of each term.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Walker Literacy Co-ordinator



Our 7000 Books Bookworm has begun to grow already!

Can you help us give our bookworm a name? Write your idea on piece of paper with your own name and class and hand it to Mrs Walker before next Friday.

Medication Procedure

May we ask that parents and carers do not send medicated cough sweets to school with their children. We have been informed that these have to be classed as medicine and only medicine prescribed by a doctor may be administered in school. As you know all prescribed medicines must be taken to the office and a form filled out by the parent.

Many thanks.



Breakfast Club Request

Parents and Carers using the Breakfast Club are reminded that **Friday evening at the end of the school day** is the cut off time for registering your child for Breakfast Club for the following week. We are still having people phoning the office at the last moment to book their child in. This makes running the club efficiently very difficult regarding staffing and food. We understand there are emergencies but would really appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Many thanks!



Reading Corner of the Week Christmas Dinner Menu



Here is our Year 2 Reading Corner. Reading a book can be such an exciting adventure. In Year 2 the children are able to experience these adventures in their very own campsite.

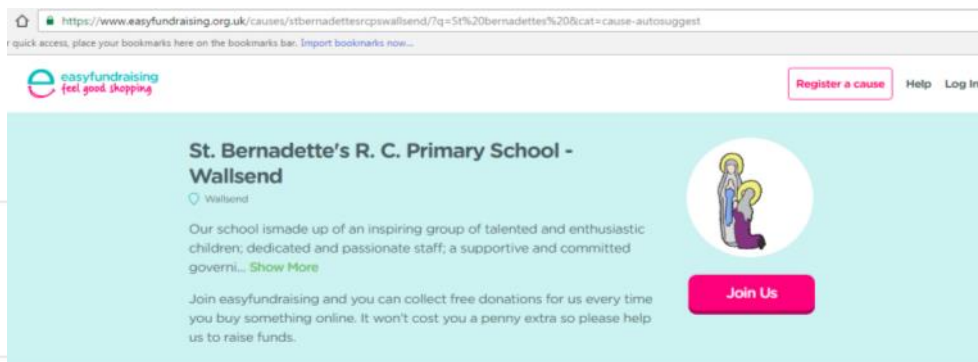




Donations
£484.69
raised so far



Supporters
40
members in total



St. Bernadette's R. C. Primary School - Wallsend

Our school is made up of an inspiring group of talented and enthusiastic children; dedicated and passionate staff; a supportive and committed governing body... [Show More](#)

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We would be really grateful if you are Christmas shopping on the internet, you browsed through easy fundraising. It's really easy to join and use, there is even a app you can download. Simply login to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbernadettesrcpswallsend/> and select your favourite retailer.

Some of our staff are getting new phones from Father Christmas and we think he bought them through easyfundraising—as we have received up £25 for each new phone contract purchased . All your favourite networks are on there !



Book Fair



"Thank you!" to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week.

We are always blown away by how many parents turn up to support these initiatives.

We hope you managed to cross a few items off your Christmas list.

Your purchases helped us raise money to buy books for our planned new library.

**Don't forget!!
TRAINING DAY**

next

Thursday, 1st December

Parents and Carers are reminded that school will be closed next Thursday, 1st December as the Teaching and Support Staff undertake important Literacy training alongside colleagues from other primary schools. Thank you!

PTA News



Christmas Fayre

**Saturday, 3rd December
2016 at 1pm**

Independent Market Stalls

Anyone who would like to enquire about booking a table for the market at the Christmas Fayre, should please contact

Cheryl Douglas on
07505315080

Santa's Helpers

We are busy compiling a list of helpers for our Christmas Fayre. If you can help at all-even for a short time on the day-please call

Alison on 07901622797 asap
or pop

into the office and leave your name.

Unwanted Gifts?

Do you have any unwanted gifts you could donate to the **PTA Christmas Fayre**, please? We would love to have them. We are collecting now!



ST BERNADETTE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2016, From 1.00pm

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Although it is very busy in the North Pole Santa is very excited to come and see the children of St. Bernadette's. He said you were an absolute delight last year.

The children are creating extraordinary crafts that will be displayed at the fayre and available for you to buy. These unique crafts will make a superb addition to your Christmas decorations. They will be displayed according to house teams, so please make sure you know what house team your child is in. Lists will be available in the main entrance.

Christmas shopping will not be a problem. We have a wide variety of local businesses coming 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 kids including Tinsel Pull game, Find Rudolf's golden carrot, Decorate a biscuit, Find the golden cracker, Coin for Rudolf, Hair braiding, Face painting and Chocolate, Gift and Bottle tombolas.

Christmas Raffle

Win luxury hampers donated by the teaching staff and a beautiful cake among other prizes. Tickets are £1 a strip. If you would like to enter the raffle, write your contact details on the back of a strip of tickets and return to school with the money. Extra tickets available from the school office.

TEAM DAY

Team day is on Friday 2nd December and is a Christmas jumper day. To celebrate we ask that donations are brought in for the tombolas.

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 2nd December. Please name any containers that you would like back.



Sports/Achievements Page



Rebecca has been busy performing in the Tynemouth Gang Show at Whitley Bay Playhouse all this week. She has been brilliant! We are very proud of her!

Georgina is busy in rehearsals for her panto role! Good Luck!!



I am so excited about this one!
Tyler, recently attended Elf Academy at Centre Parks and qualified as a Christmas Elf. Here he is with his certificate, which he received from Santa, himself!
What a lucky lad!!

Rosa, Toby and Jude are seen here with the certificates they received for finding all 61 Snow Dogs in the region. They travelled as far as Kielder!



Who knew that Blue Peter Badges were like buses?!

Just last week, Millie was on this page with her first BP badge. Now she has received her second one!

This time Millie wrote a review of the show-it must have impressed them a lot! Great stuff!



Do you have any special achievements you would like to share with us ?

email

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St. Bernadette's Christmas Diary

We know how busy families are around Christmas time-so here once again is a reminder of the dates for all the events planned here at school.

We hope it makes it easier for you to make arrangements in advance.

Saturday 3rd December—PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December—Nursery Nativity

Morning 9.30am Afternoon 1.30pm

5pm Choir singing at Beacon Hill-parents welcome

Friday 9th December—Reception Nativity 9.30am

Friday 9th December—Year 3 and 4 Party

4.30pm-6pm (Church Hall)

Year 5 and 6 Party 6.30-8pm (Church Hall)

Wednesday 14th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity

2pm (Year 1 Parents Only)

Thursday 15th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity

9.30am (Year 2 Parents Only)

Thursday 15th December—Key Stage 1 Party

1.30-3.30pm

Friday 16th December—Reception Party 1.30pm

Tuesday 20th December—Key Stage 2

Performance 6pm

Just Kidz

Thank you for all of your donations (cakes and money.) towards children in need . We have raised over £250! We are very pleased, thank you very



The answers to last weeks quiz are..

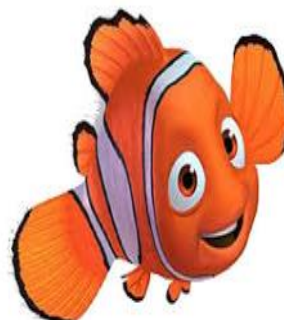
1. 30
2. 50
3. 121

Riddle

What has a face, two hands but no arms or legs?



Guess the names of these 4 characters and what film there from, then tell one of the just kidz members, for a chance to be featured on next



Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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parishioners who would like to receive our Blog in full colour
via email, please let us know by emailing us at

stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk



Star of the Week

Nursery am	Vivienne
Nursery pm	Olivia
Reception (DM)	Ollie C
Reception (AR)	George J
Year 1	Joshua D
Year 1/2	Chloe F
Year 2	Amelia W
Year 3	Lewis S
Year 3/4	Millie H
Year 4	Max H
Year 5	Oliver D
Year 5/6	Jamie
Year 6	Owen L

Holy Toast Winner

This will be the last
Holy Toast of the term.
Thank you for all your
support during 2016!



Dates for your Diary

1st December Training Day-School closed

2nd December Team Day-Christmas Jumpers!

3rd December PTA Christmas Fayre

8th December Christmas Dinner

Other dates for concerts etc are included earlier in the
blog. NB: New dates added this week!

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Joy


 when you
 choose
 joy
 You feel good
 & when you feel
 good, you do good
 & when you do good
 it reminds others
 of what joy feels like
 & it just
 might inspire
 them to do
 the same.

Attendance of the week

Y5/6

98.6%

Congratulations!

Our Mission Value