



# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



## Bernadette's Blog

### Mrs Fallon writes...

Dear children,

As we reach the end of a very busy time in school, I would like to congratulate you all on your amazing achievements this term - your hard work and commitment 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 grow in confidence but we have also watched you grow spiritually. One of the biggest successes this term has been how the whole school have worked together on our new curriculum of taking a Gospel Value and exploring ways in which we really can 'Live the Gospel.' As predicted, you have risen brilliantly to the challenge of spreading joy – both in school and beyond. As usual, staff had some fantastic and creative ideas to bring the Gospel Value of Joy to life but your enthusiasm and desire to really try and 'Live the Gospel' took it to another level. Your kindness, generosity and big hearts have touched many, many people throughout school and Wallsend over recent weeks. Your visit to Charlton House gave comfort and Joy to those who may be feeling lonely at this time of year. The Christmas cards you have delivered around Wallsend brought happiness and Joy to all who received them. The bouquets of flowers you handed out to shoppers in Wallsend was met with both surprise and Joy as many people were touched by such a genuine act of kindness and I know the staff really appreciated the cards and candy sticks you have been giving out, but more importantly, the beautiful words and kind messages you wrote too. The list of ways in which you have spread Joy is endless! It has been a pleasure to observe the excitement on your faces and listen to you talk about how giving your time and gifts to others has made you feel – although I have been a little worried at how excited you've been at making random people cry (with happiness)!! Your work has been captured perfectly in our Joyous

Advent calendar on our school website which means we can treasure it forever! We have received some very moving messages from the public telling us how your kindness has touched their hearts. You should be very proud of yourselves – we certainly are! The teachers have already started planning for next half terms Gospel Value which will be Service – we're looking forward to watching how well you will engage with this learning.

To all parents and carers,

'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, learning days, fayres, nativities, lights of love services and many other events held in school. Your support makes everything so much more special for the children. Your contributions, comments and generosity of time and donations have been overwhelming – thank you!

When we return in January, we're very much looking forward to welcoming our new Assistant Headteacher, Miss Dempsey, to the team. Miss Dempsey has spent a few days in school recently getting to know the children and when I asked her how she was feeling she simply said – 'I can't believe how lucky I have been to land in such a wonderful school.' We couldn't agree more!

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

# KS1 Nativity

We had a real treat this week, when our Key Stage One children performed their magical musical extravaganza, "The Midwife Crisis!"

The singing was out of this world and the jokes made us all laugh!

On Thursday afternoon they had their very own after show party and guess who turned up...Father Christmas!

He had presents for everyone!

We are hoping he will call in again for our Reception Party this afternoon.

He also arranged for Tilly the Fairy to call into school this morning to see the children.

So all in all this has been a magical week for our KS1 children!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children and to those of you who provided costumes!

Now, we look forward to KS2's performance of "Superstar" on Tuesday evening.



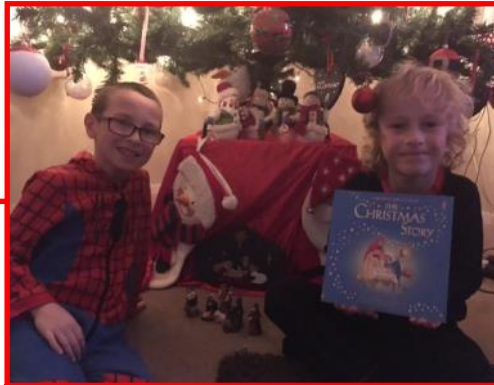


# Advent News and Travelling Cribs



Our Joyous Advent Calendar will continue, even after we finish school next week. A huge "Thank you!" to Mrs Milner for taking time at the weekends and holidays to continue sending out these beautiful messages.

Please share each offering with your children if you can.



Xander and Caeden really enjoyed sharing the travelling crib with one another.



Isabel loved using the travelling crib, with her little sister, to explain the true meaning of Christmas.



Ava and Lily loved singing the song and colouring the pictures with the crib.



Scarlett loved sharing the travelling crib at home. She spent time with her family, telling the Christmas story.



Jamie enjoyed sharing the travelling crib with his big sister, Jessica.



Ben shared the travelling crib with his little sister, Ava. They had fun telling the story of Christmas.

Megan was lucky enough to have the travelling crib over the weekend. She loved having time to explore and play with it.



*Please can all travelling crib bags be returned to school by Wednesday.*



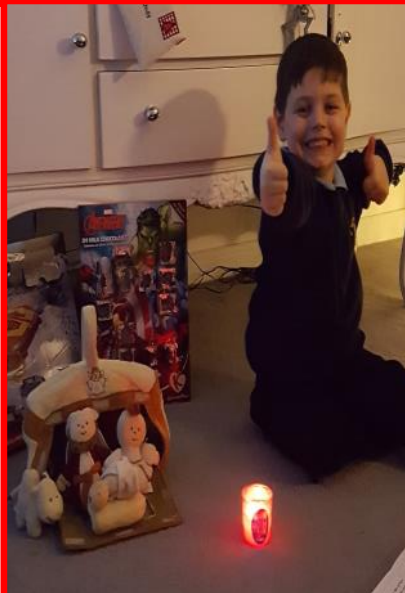
Lucia loved having the Nursery Travelling Crib home with her for the weekend. She shared it with her baby sister, Helena.



Jessica enjoyed having the travelling crib at home. She thought about why Christmas was special for her and said prayers for her great granny in heaven.

Finlay thought the travelling crib was magic!

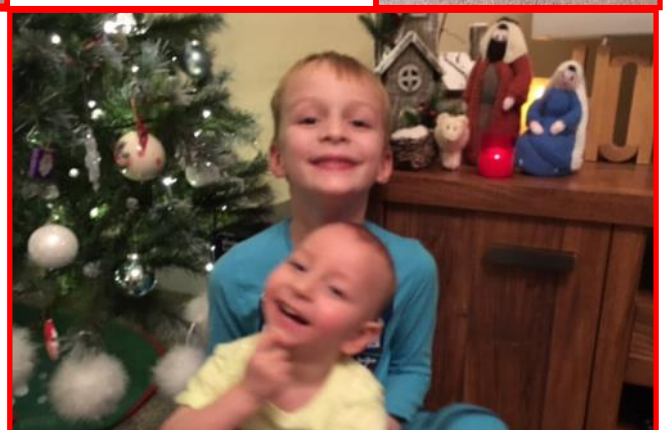
He sang the song, said the prayers, drew a fantastic Picture and read the story at bedtime.



Joshua took the travelling crib home this week. He had a lovely time with it.



Luke enjoyed having the Travelling Crib at home. He said his prayers, just beside his beautiful Christmas tree.



Tyler and his little brother, Alex enjoyed having the Travelling Crib at home. It helped them to share the joy of Christmas as a family.



Ryan enjoyed having the travelling crib at home very much.

## Christingle Service

Thanks to the choir and to Mrs Rudd and Mrs Milner for singing and playing so beautifully at Beacon Hill School's Christingle Service.



### Lost Property

We have mountains of lost property! This includes hats, scarves, gloves, trousers, sweatshirts, antlers(!!!?) to name just a few. It will be put out on tables, outside the front of school on Monday and Tuesday at 3.30pm.

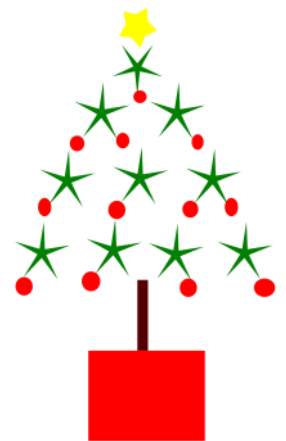
Please, please come and have a look. You will be amazed how many lovely items we have. If it still there at 3.40pm on Tuesday, please feel free to take anything your child could use and give it a good home! Everything left will be taken to the charity shop during the holidays.

### Living Light Stars

All the stars that have been decorating our Trees of Remembrance will be put on a table in the school porch on Wednesday, 21st December for collection.

We have no other way of returning the stars to the right child. So, if you would like to collect your Living Light Star please call in.

Thank you!



## Easy Fundraising

## Snack Shack News



Donations  
**£571.11**  
raised so far



Supporters  
**45**  
members in total

### **Snack Shack**

The Snack Shack will be closed next week for stocktaking and balancing the books! A huge "Thank you!" to all our Year 5 managers and Mrs Wigham for their hard work!



Thank you to everyone who has contributed, this term!  
It's not too late if you are still shopping for presents!

## School Meal News

When we return to school on Monday, 9th January. Please note that this will be WEEK 2 on the School Dinner Menu rota. Thank you!



Our next Fun Day  
Is going to be out of this world!!  
**Thursday, 19th January 2017**

## Vacancy in School

A Midday Supervisor is required to work as part of a friendly, caring and hardworking team, responsible for the safety and welfare of children during lunchtime. Duties will include supervising children in the dining hall, including cleaning tasks, supervising children in the playground and the administration of first aid. You will be required to work 7 hours 15 minutes per week.

This post is term time only over 190 days, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure will be sought along with other relevant employment checks deemed appropriate. If you are interested or know anyone else who is please contact Johanna Wigham, at [Johanna.wigham@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Johanna.wigham@northtyneside.gov.uk) for an application pack or see our website for more details.

Application forms must be returned by 10am on Monday, 19th December.

Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 20th December.

**TIM PEAKE'S FAVOURITE LUNCH**

On Thursday 19th January 2017  
Join in the fun!  
Lots of prizes to be won! Dont miss out!

- SPACESHIP BEEF BURGER IN A BUN
- HUBBLE TELESCOPE  
Quorn sausage in a bun
- MINI SATELLITE POTATO WEDGES
- GREEN & YELLOW VEGETABLE ASTEROIDS
- ROCKET FUEL BAKED BEANS
- SPACE ROCK JACKET POTATOS
- ASTRO SANDWICHES
- SHOOTING STAR BISCUIT OR
- KRISPIE COMET SERVED WITH WISH JUICE



# 7000 Books

## Our Reading Challenge Update

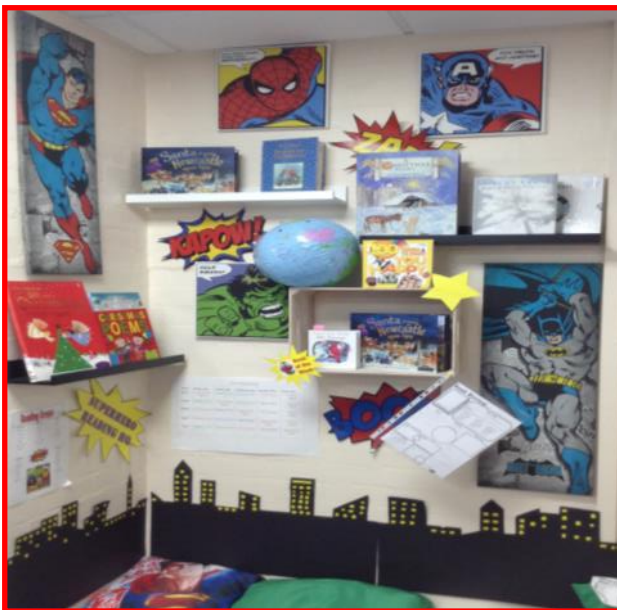
### Our Reading Challenge

By last Friday, the total of books read by children in school reached

**1,141!**

I wonder if anyone will be able to keep count of all the new books, they get as gifts and read over the holidays!

## Reading Corner of the Week



Reading HQ in Year 3/4 is a place for Superheroes!

The children in this class love to visit this vibrant and stimulating space.

and let their imaginations run wild!

# Ideas for the holidays



**STEPHENSON**  
RAILWAY MUSEUM

## Santa Specials at the Stephenson Railway Museum

**3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 21/22/23 December**  
10.30am, 11.45am, 1.15pm, 2.30pm, 3.45pm

The popular steam train rides with Santa return for another year of family fun and magical adventure. Tickets are £13 each (plus a booking fee) and include a train ride, a gift from Santa, crafts and light refreshments. Early booking is essential.

To book tickets visit  
[www.stephensonrailwaymuseum.org.uk](http://www.stephensonrailwaymuseum.org.uk)  
or call 0333 666 3366



## Santa's Grotto

St. Mary's Lighthouse, Whitley Bay  
3 - 23 December (selected dates and times only)

Santa returns to St. Mary's Lighthouse and will be welcoming children to his grotto. Admission is £7.50, which includes a gift for every child. Booking is essential. For further information or to book, please call 0191 200 8650 or email [stmaryslighthouse@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:stmaryslighthouse@northtyneside.gov.uk).

# Sports/Achievements Page



Megan has had a very exciting time, making her Brownie Promise.

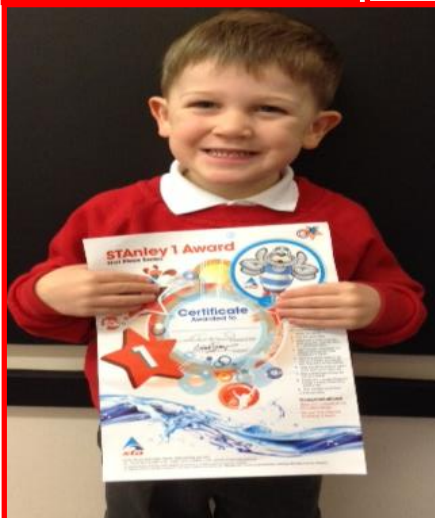
Here she is in her new uniform and modelling her special brownie backpack.

We hope you really enjoy your new pack, Megan!



Riley and Olivia enjoyed competing in the 2016 Elf Run around the Metro Centre.

They were given lovely certificates.



Congratulations, Joshua!

We are so pleased that you have passed your Stage One STA award.

Love the certificate!



Jesca is a keen member of the Newcastle Dance Centre and she was delighted to receive awards for Jazz Dancing and Musical Theatre. Congratulations, Jesca!



Here are Matthew, Jake, Finley and Harry after they too had completed the Elf Run. We are all so proud of you all!

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@ntl.org.uk](mailto:christine.mcconville@ntl.org.uk)



# More Sports/Achievements



Chloe took part in the Jingle Bell Walk with her disabled friends. She brought in her medal to show us. Well done, Chloe!



Isabel has achieved her 5m swimming award. She is over the moon and everyone is very proud of her! Congratulations!

When not appearing in Panto, Georgina is still busy taking her ballet, disco and tap exams. She recently passed her tap exam scoring 98/100!

Even Craig Revel-Horwood would be impressed!  
Congratulations!



## PTA Achievement!



Here is Matthew with his certificate for swimming 5m and gaining his Stage 3 Award. Brilliant stuff! Congratulations.

## Christmas Fayre

The PTA are delighted to announce that they raised an amazing

**£2084**

at their Christmas fayre.

Don't forget, if you were unable to come, you can still purchase your child's Snowman Bauble, it's not too late.

These are available from the school office for £1.50.

## Breakfast Club

Anyone wishing to attend Breakfast Club in the new year is reminded that booking closes at end of school on Fridays.

Children should be booked on for the following week in advance to enable correct staffing and supplies to be arranged. Children requiring breakfast must arrive by 8.15am please.

Parents are reminded that they are not to park on the school car park.





PICCOLLAGE



# Just kidz

Work out this  
missing song lyric

Rocking around the

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Have a happy  
holiday.

If you think you know the answer to either the guess who, or the Christmas song lyric, then come and tell one of the just kidz members ( Lucy, Chloe, Millie or Kejsi .)for a chance to be on next week's blog.

Last week and the week before we have enjoyed watching nursery, reception and KS1's nativity's. Everybody sang so well, and remembered their lines. They were excited to perform in front of their parents and I am sure they performed as well as they did to the school.

Answer to last weeks riddle..

If you did not know the answer to last weeks riddle it was the letter E.

Guess who?

Class: year 6

Hobby: Gaming

Gender: Boy

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Syllables: 2

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am  
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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via email, please let us know by emailing us at

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# Star of the Week

Nursery am	Ethan S
Nursery pm	Harry A
Reception (DM)	Finley
Reception (AR)	Maggie
Year 1	Roma
Year 1/2	Ben T
Year 2	Gracie W
Year 3	Ava
Year 3/4	Luca
Year 4	Frannie
Year 5	Jacob B
Year 5/6	Millie S
Year 6	Ben L

**Come Home For Christmas**



**There's a place for you**  
"If only you knew what God is offering"

There's an empty chair at our table that we think is for you!

St Aidan's Parish Community warmly invites you to join them in their celebrations throughout the Christmas Season

Service of Reconciliation : 20th December 7pm

St Cuthbert's North Shields

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Carols 7.00pm Mass St Aidan's  
Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass St Bernadette's

Join us for light refreshments in our Parish Room after Mass on Christmas Eve

St Aidan's Catholic Church Coniston Rd Wallsend NE28 OEP  
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## Dates for your Diary

9th January Back to school!

For more dates check out our website at

[www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

May the  
Miracle  
of Christmas,  
fill your hearts  
with **JOY**  
everyone!



## Attendance of the week

Mr Milner Y3/4  
Congratulations!

# Our Mission Value