

Friday, 17th February, 2017



# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



## A busy time in Year 4! Bernadette's Blog

On Monday morning, Miss Smith's class were set a great treasure hunt in Numeracy. They were travelling around the school collecting clues and plotting co-ordinates on their maps. It looked a lot of fun and they learnt a lot too!



Year 4 children  
Have been busy learning to play the trumpets with Mr Milner (Senior) since September.  
He was so impressed with their progress that a concert was arranged for our Y3 children.  
This sharing of talents to entertain others, fitted beautifully into our Value of Service.  
Thank you, Year 4!



# Nursery Stay and Play

On Tuesday, parents and carers of our Nursery children came in to spend some time working and playing with the children. This gave everyone the chance to see and share all the exciting activities that go on every day, with our youngest pupils.

A great time was had by all.



Nursery's first stay and play!



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## A Very Special Announcement was made today in assembly



On Friday, 24th February

our lovely Miss Harrison will be getting married to the very lucky Mr Hall.

We wish them both a lifetime of love and happiness  
and look forward to welcoming 'Mrs Hall' to the staff after the half term holiday.



We shall also be welcoming back Mrs Leighton.

She will be working with our KS1 children.

Change of Menu! Please note on Tuesday, 28th Feb the dessert has been changed to pancakes with toffee syrup, for celebration of Shrove Tuesday, pancake day. Thank you!

**You are invited to  
'Come dine with us!'**



**Today** is your last chance to complete the booking form for our special lunch on Thursday 9th March to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner with the children for the bargain price of £3.50! It has to be this early to allow Dot to do her ordering.

We have had lots of interest shown and will send out more information to those who have expressed an interest nearer the time.



**7000 Books...**

Up to last Friday afternoon, the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 had read a total of

**4037**

Books, in our Reading Challenge. We really appreciate the efforts of parents recording their child's extra reading in their Reading Record Books for us to verify.

## **Wonderful Readers Lunch**



Parents and Carers are reminded that neither vaping or smoking are allowed within the school grounds. Please ensure anyone dropping off children or picking them up knows the rules.

## **Service Liturgy**

Today is the last day of our work on the Value of Service.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures of their children carrying out acts of service for our display.

It is good to see the children "Living the Gospel". We hope they keep it up.

Mrs Milner will be putting some examples of the children's class based tasks on to the school website, very soon.

Our new Value after the holiday will be 'Justice'.





# Reminders from the office

**Breakfast Club booking forms** for next half term are now available on our website.

When paying for breakfast club, you can top up by any amount you wish, you don't need to pay lots of £3 instalments. If this does not work on your app, we have found that if you logon to a pc initially, go to the payments section of parentmail to top up your breakfast club account, this seems to enable the top up option on your app. If you are having any trouble using parentmail please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

## UFA

Year 6 are really embracing UFA club (I am sure you all saw the Just Kidz article about it last week). We asked for a one off £4 contribution from Year 6 parents to go towards revision guides, homework books, folders and snacks - if you haven't paid this as yet, it is still available on parentmail to pay - check your shop in parentmail payments section, alternatively you can send the £4 into school. Many thanks!

## Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey

On Thursday morning, Mr Milner and his class went along to The Parks Sports Centre to put to use all the skills they have been acquiring, since our Hockey Taster session earlier in the term.

The children took part in a tournament against nine other schools.

Mr Milner was really proud of their attitude and behaviour.



# Sports/Achievements Page



Millie was very successful in her Irish Dancing Feis at the weekend. Another beautiful trophy to add to her collection.

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Millie!  
(Well done!)



Freya will be dancing in three shows at the People's Theatre in March.

She is busy in rehearsals now. Good luck Freya!



(See poster on last page for more details!)

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



Here is Lana with the certificate to received to mark the event of her making her guide promise. We wish you lots of joy and fun, Lana!



Here is Joe. He is delighted with the football medal he won recently. We are delighted he brought it in to show us.

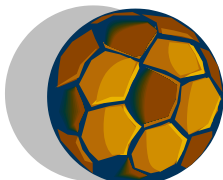
Congratulations, Joe!



Evan brought in his football medal to show us too.

Well done, Evan!

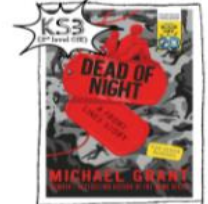
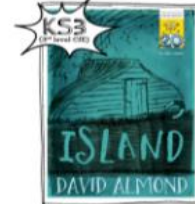
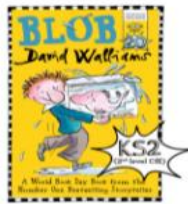
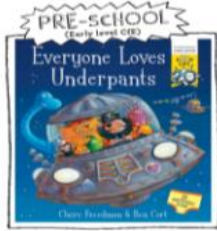
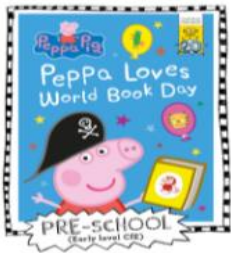
I bet Mr Keys is going to have a great team when these lads get a bit bigger.





# World Book Day-Friday, 3rd March

## 2017'S £1 BOOKS



This year St Bernadette's will be celebrating World Book Day and our love of books on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

The children should come to school dressed in their school uniform as usual.

Each class will be focusing on an engaging and stimulating book and will be carrying out activities linked to that text all day. You are invited to join in on the day with...

**Breakfast with a Book** - come in from 8.30am for a light breakfast and share a book with your child in their classroom.

**Secret Reader** - surprise your child by coming into school to read one of your favourite stories. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to come in.

**Book Sale** - We are asking for donations of good quality books to come into school. Children will have the opportunity to browse these books and buy a new one for 20p. Monies raised will go towards new books for the school.

**Book Tokens** - Every child at school will be issued with a book token which will allow them to buy a book for a £1 from participating outlets. All major supermarkets - Asda, Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, most large bookshop chains - WH Smith, Waterstones, Eason etc and many independent booksellers are participating. Please check

before making a journey that your local store is participating.

Last year we had a great day. So we look forward to seeing lots of you on 3rd.

Come along and join in the fun.

# Attendance Matters

## Holidays in Term Time

We do not encourage term time holidays as we want children in school as much as possibly. However, if you decide to take your child out of school for a family holiday you must complete a "Leave of Absence" request form which are available from the school office or on our website at <http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=35&type=pdf>

The Department for Education states that Headteachers are no longer able to authorise holidays unless there are "exceptional circumstances" and state clearly that a family holiday is not classed as an exceptional circumstance.

Where a family decide to take a holiday during term time the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In the past, the Local Authority would issue a penalty warning notice (fine) if a child had more than 10 sessions of unauthorised absences (2 sessions = 1 day). At the moment, following the recent High Court ruling, the Local Authority are only issuing fines if a child has more than 10% unauthorised absences. As you may know the case has now gone to the Supreme Court and a judgement is expected soon.

We were really shocked when we saw these figures in the table below, if your child has 85% attendance over the year, this means they have missed 145 lessons, making it a huge,

Attendance during one	Days absent	Number of missed lessons
95%	9 days	45 Lessons
90%	19 days	95 lessons
85%	29 days	145 lessons
80%	38 days	190 lessons

**Don't  
forget!**

Mrs Walton is now collecting  
**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.**  
We always get some great  
equipment through this initiative  
and really appreciate your donations.







Happy birthday.

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# Just kidz



## Library update:

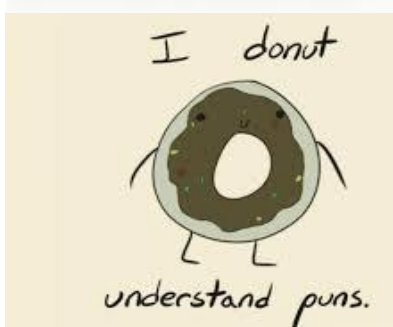
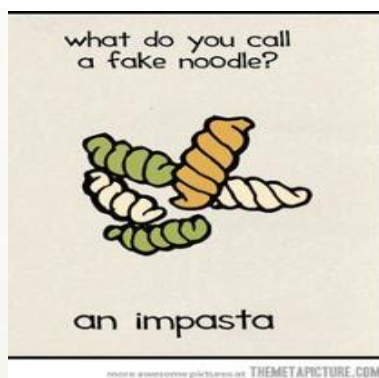
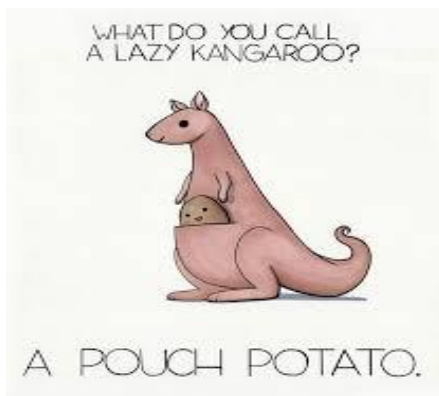
As we are coming to the end of our first half term running the library, we are delighted with how things have gone so far. Last week, 126 children took advantage of the library being open at lunchtimes. We have found many children are interested in: Harry Potter, Roald Dahl and Tom Gates.

**Don't forget!**

We are still accepting any art for our library!

## Punny corner

We all hope you have a lovely half term!





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](mailto:stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk)



# Star of the Week

## Dates for your Diary

1st March Ash Wednesday-Lent begins  
2nd March Digital Leaders Training  
3rd March World Book Day  
6th, 7th & 8th March Parents' Evenings (3.30pm-6pm)  
9th March Come dine with us!

For more dates check out our website at

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

Nursery am	Charlie B
Nursery pm	Hannah O
Reception (DM)	Hannah
Reception (AR)	Cameron H
Year 1	Gracie
Year 1/2	Layla
Year 2	Jake
Year 3	Ewan
Year 3/4	Jack B
Year 4	Erin McQ
Year 5	Dan W
Year 5/6	Lucy
Year 6	Sophie G



Our new value for this half term  
is



**C** is for commitment to a task  
**E** is for everyone sharing  
their talents and gifts

Attendance of the  
week

Year 2

100%

Congratulations!

# Our Mission Value