



## St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



# Bernadette's Blog Mrs Fallon Writes...

As we come to the end of another busy year I would like to extend a number of thanks to everyone who helps, supports and invests their time and energy into the running of our school.

Children, I absolutely must start with you! Firstly, congratulations to you all on your outstanding achievements this year - both academic and personal. Your hard work, resilient attitudes and commitment to learning was reflected perfectly in your end of year reports; your gifts and talents shared on our weekly blog and the way in which you engaged so passionately with our Advent project: 'Pray it Forward' demonstrated your beautiful characters perfectly. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you!

Year 6, it has been an absolute privilege to be part of your journey at St. Bernadette's and I have honestly enjoyed every moment of working with you all. We really do have a tough job on our hands readjusting our school to life without you all! However, we know you are going to go on to your new adventures with the same attitude, determination and resilience to succeed that you have shown throughout your time at St. Bernadette's.

Good luck to you all! Make sure you come back to see us!

To all of the parents, families and carers, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication! The staff would also like me to thank you for the kind words you have sent into school over the year (and particularly this week) via cards, emails and letters - the chocolates and cakes have gone down well too! I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our wonderful PTA. They dedicate a huge amount of their own time working tirelessly to raise funds which provide children in our school with additional experiences and opportunities—we appreciate all of your efforts—thank you!

Another special thanks must go to our school Governors for the on-going work, commitment and support they provide to our school. Their work goes unseen by parents and pupils but behind the scenes they dedicate many hours to school to ensure that St. Bernadette's strives to achieve our mission that 'we aim to provide a Catholic education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school and enhance our position as a thriving example of Christ-centred education.'

If I were to example the number of things I would like to thank the staff of St. Bernadette's for I would never end. So, in a nutshell... to an amazing group of passionate, hard-working, inspirational and truly lovely people—thank you! Individually, every single one of them makes a huge contribution to the lives of our children and families but together they are quite an incredible team and our school is blessed to have them as part of it. I was delighted when their hard work and commitment to your children was recognised in our recent Outstanding Diocesan Inspection report.

This half-term has been filled with mixed emotions for us all in school. Although it's an extremely exciting time of year and everyone is looking forward to a well earned rest over the summer, it has been bittersweet as we prepare to say a very fond farewell to Mrs Gibbins. Mrs Gibbins has been part of St. Bernadette's school for over 30 years in a variety of roles. She has nurtured, loved and taken care of many, many children and families and taken many staff under her wing . She has done so with an energetic, enthusiastic and happy nature. She will be a huge miss to our school but we wish her well in her 'very, very early' retirement. We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Sweeney who will be taking up a new role in another school. Good luck to you both!

On behalf of the Governors and all of the staff - have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September! Mrs Fallon

# Mrs Gibbins is Retiring!

Today we shall be saying a sad "Goodbye" to Mrs Gibbins, our Year 3 teacher.

Mrs Gibbins' involvement with St.

Bernadette's parish and school began more than thirty years ago, when she helped to run the parent and toddler group.

She took on the role of parent governor and chairing the PTA while her children were attending our school.

In 1999 Mrs Gibbins started working here.

In her time as a classroom assistant and teacher, she has worked tirelessly with countless children and families.

Her dedication and care for the pupils in her classes are the very essence of our mission statement.

She will be hugely missed by the children, her colleagues and friends but we know that she will have a fantastic time as she embarks upon the new adventure of

retirement-with her new puppy Molly!

Mrs Gibbins is seen here meeting Bishop Robert Byrne at the recent diocesan retirement mass for Staff & Governors.



# Open the Book Mini-Vinnies Fundraising



Last week was our final session of Open The Book. It was the story of Jesus calling the disciples-the fishers of men tale. We look forward to these beginning again after the holidays.

Mrs Gibbins also helped run our Mini Vinnie group for the past few years.

The Mini-Vinnies have raised over £30 to help the babies of Sudan. They will provide food and vaccinations for at least 15 children.

A food parcel will also be sent to St. Vincent de Paul to help provide meals for the homeless.

# Off To A New School

This week we have all enjoyed the Year 6 celebration of their time at St. Bernadette's!

The Goggle Box themed families looked back at lots of memories of the last seven years. The TV theme continued to include Friends, Channel 4 News, and The Office amongst others programmes.

Imitations of staff and photographs of times gone by, caused tears of laughter and of sentiment.

The children had a great time planning this event and rehearsing it.

The assembly ended with a fantastic group dance!

We wish all our Year 6 children the very best for the future.

Your new schools await with new friends and new opportunities.

We know you will be fab!

Also off to new schools today, are Joe and Miss Sweeney.

Our best wishes go with you.

We shall miss you all!



# Nursery Celebration



On Tuesday, all our Nursery children came together for the day to celebrate their time in Nursery.

Mrs McGuigan and Miss Clark could not have been prouder of them all as they sang songs, showed off their work and spoke about their favourite Nursery moments.

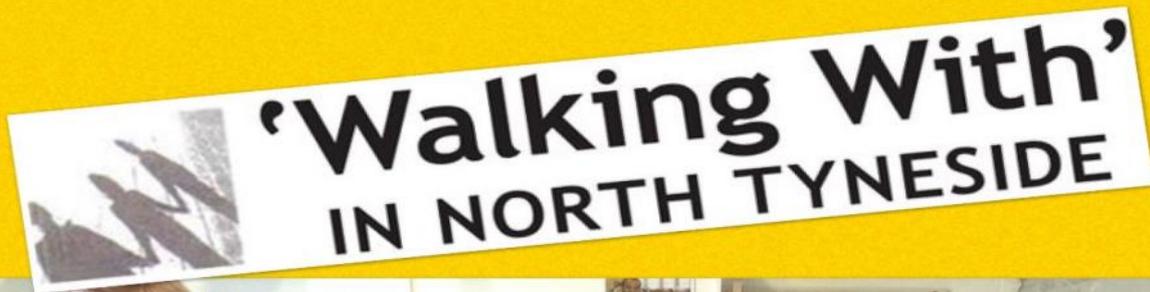
A brilliant job by everyone, well done

# KS1 Visit Walking With

Since Year 1/2's family liturgy a couple of weeks ago, our Key Stage One children have been busy collecting for the Walking With Charity.

This week six children had the chance to take along some of the food that they had collected and also some story books that they thought might be enjoyed by the clients.

It was a fascinating visit.



**'Walking With'**  
**IN NORTH TYNESIDE**



We dropped off all of  
our donations on  
behalf of Key Stage  
One

# Lost Property/Preloved

If you missed your chance to go through our mountain of Lost Property this week-it is all going to be taken by Alison and the PTA to the Community School Clothing Scheme.

It is on the Cobalt Business Park. Check Facebook for opening

Don't forget to come along and check out the "Preloved" uniform available in the school porch-we have lots available!



We specialise in **FREE** preloved school uniforms.

Our school department is a free service to all North East parents.

You will find, uniforms with over 150 schools logos represented.

## Goodbye and Thank you!

Trish Morris has served as a Foundation Governor here at St. Bernadette's, serving on a variety of committees and giving up her free time to come along to meetings for many years.

Our governors do amazing work behind the scenes using their expertise to help our school to run smoothly.

Thank you for everything, Trish. We shall miss you!



## What's On?

### Dream Big Holiday Club

**Sunday - Friday  
4 - 9 August, 10-12:30**

**Games, crafts, stories and lots of fun  
For all primary school children**

**&1 per day includes lunch**

**Newcastle Dream Centre,  
Heaton Road, NE6 1SB**

\*Please note that this provision is not part of the offer from St B's and is being run by an independent company.

## Dedication



On Tuesday, Mrs Collins and the Gardening Club held an opening ceremony for the new Our Lady's Garden. Invited along as VIPs to do the ribbon cutting were Mrs Gibbins and Mrs Smith and some of the ladies who do the flowers at church.

# Nursery Places Available

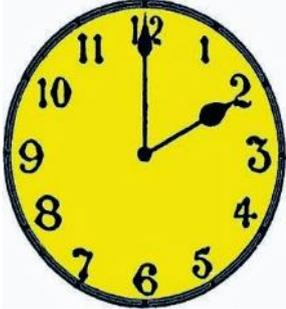
St. Bernadette's Nursery still have a couple of Nursery places for three year olds available for September 2019.

Both 15 hours and 30 hours placements are available.

If you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to call the school office on 0191 200 7363.

Thank you.

# Gates Times

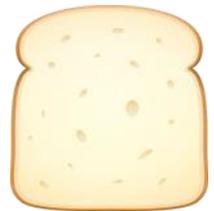


The gates to school will not be opened until 8.40am as we use the outside space for clubs before school. Please can you inform anyone who drops children off in the morning: child minders, grandparents etc so that they aren't waiting around for longer than is necessary.

Thank you!

# Don't forget!

After the holidays, Holy Toast will continue take place on **MONDAYS. 20p**



# New E.Mail & Phone Number

We have a new email address for you to reach our inbox

**office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk**

We have a new phone number

**0191 643 3400**

Please change these in your contacts in case you need to contact us.

Thank you!

# Sports and Achievements



Congratulations to Oliver and Nathaniel who passed their second grade belt in Karate and their Stage 1 in swimming.



Huge congratulations to Amy!

She is celebrating success in passing her Stage 4 swimming award and her 10m distance badge.



Tyler is celebrating being awarded his Stage 6 Award and his 50 metre distance badge in swimming!  
Fantastic effort, Tyler!



We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: [office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)



Faye has recently passed her Acrobatic Art Dance exam with a Distinction.  
That's brilliant!  
Well done, Faye!



Phoebe and Isabel have had a busy weekend performing in their dance schools shows at Whitley Bay Playhouse. They performed dances in ballet tap and jazz. They worked so hard and danced beautifully!

May received 7 trophies and certificates for all the exams she took in March. She danced in her dance show and was absolutely AMAZING!!  
We are all very proud of you, May.



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Congratulations to Henry  
Seen here with his 20m (they had no 25m badges left!) and his stage 5 swimming Certificate.  
Fab stuff!



Congratulations to Joseph!  
He brought in the super medal and certificate that he was awarded for his efforts in the recent Kickers event, to share with his friends.

Here is Josie with her medal and trophies for passing her dance exams and she came 2nd in a dance competition.  
Magic!



Gracie, Nefeli and Lily all brought in the certificates and ribbons they were awarded for gymnastics.  
Congratulations, girls!  
We are delighted for you!



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Freya is celebrating coming third in her recent competition for City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy.  
How exciting!  
Well done, Freya!



Hannah, Emily and Holly's football team, "Benfield", won the North East Girls Football Tournament on Saturday.  
Many congratulations!



Sophie performed in her dancing show on Saturday. She also got all of her exam results and certs  
She got highest ballroom marks in the whole dance school!  
Strictly come dancing here she comes!



Hannah has been awarded her Silver sprint 50m back-stroke, bronze 200m freestyle, club award 4 and her Stage 9!!  
Only one stage to go now! Amazing!  
Well done!



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Congratulations to Isla. Here she is with her badge and Certificate for her stage 4 award.  
Fab stuff!



Congratulations to Hannah!  
She brought in the super badge and certificate that she was awarded for her efforts in her Stage 1 swimming,  
to share with his friends.  
First of many, I bet!

Here is Jude with his medal and trophies for collecting up the most foam bullets after a recent party.  
A medal for tidying up!!  
Magic!



Ruby had absolutely loads of trophies and certificates for dancing awarded this week!  
We are delighted for you, Ruby!



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Oliver was delighted to receive this cup, when he was named "Manager's Player of the Season" for his football team.  
Congratulations!



Anna has her Grade 3 in gymnastics.  
Harvey did the Race for Life and has a medal for Phil's footie.  
They brought their awards in from home to show us.  
Well done to you both!

Jake came 3rd in the Rington's Cup Competition at Paddy Freeman's Park.  
Well done, Jake!  
A proud moment!



Layla came 2nd at the first North East Open National Figure Skating Competition with a massive new PB.  
That is amazing!  
Congratulations, Layla!



# Summer Birthdays!



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# Messages from the School Office

## Breakfast Club/OOSC

Parents and Carers

### MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB AND/OR OUR NEW OOSC (Out of School Club)

Miss Coates has been busy and has put the booking forms up on the website for the next half term. So you can be really organised!

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 remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.

Please do not come onto the staff carpark to drop your child.



## Pupil Absence



If you do not inform us via ParentMail or the telephone absence line that your child will not be in school, you will receive a text message asking you to call the school office. Thank you.

## Preloved

We still have lots of clothing on our clothing rail in the school porch.

We are delighted that a few more people are taking advantage of this green option of obtaining school uniform. Before you go shopping, call in and have a look.

We would just ask that you leave the hangers behind! Thank you!

## It's time to check your Parentmail Account

Before the new year begins:

Can all parents please check that they have updated any change in phone numbers etc on their Parentmail accounts.

Please ensure ALL ITEMS IN YOUR BASKET ARE PAID FOR.

We sometimes need to send you text messages-but we are finding that sometimes they are not received as there is an old number on the account.

Thank you!

Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820  
 www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk



# Star of the Week

## Dates for your Diary

Fri 19th July: Break up for Summer  
 Weds 4th Sept: Term begins

### New Class Teachers For September 2019

Nursery: Mrs McGuigan  
 Reception: Mrs Walker  
 Miss Kincaid  
 Year 1: Mr Gillie  
 Year 1/2: Miss Jones  
 Year 2: Miss Rogers  
 Year 3: Mr Milner  
 Year 3/4: Miss Laverty  
 Year 4: Miss Dempsey  
 Year 5: Miss Green  
 Year 5/6: Miss Smith  
 Year 6: Miss Hall

Nursery	To Every
Reception (AW)	Single
Reception (SK)	One
Year 1	Of
Year 1/2	Our
Year 2	Fantastic
Year 3	Pupils
Year 3/4	Especially
Year 4	To
Year 5	Joe
Year 5/6	And All
Year 6	Year 6

### Attendance of the week

This will be  
 announced  
 at our  
 celebration  
 assembly.



## Mission Value

Our value for this term was  
 "Purpose"