



# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*

## Bernadette's Blog



# Library Bus Visit

Our new year got off to a great start this week!

The children all came back to school full of energy and ready to learn.

On Thursday, we had our visit from Alison in the Library Bus.

This is a fantastic resource from North Tyneside Schools' Library Service.

Every child in the school, from Nursery to Year 6 is able to visit the bus and choose a library book to take out for the half term.

Alison is also a great story teller and she often stops to read a story to the children.

We know that our children love books as we had a good response to the recent book fayre before Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who supported this.



Date for your Diary

Teacher Training Day-Monday, 24th February 2020

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR Y6 PARENTS

This year the Year 6 SATs week will be

**Monday, 11th May - Thursday, 14th May**

Please ensure that you do not book any holidays during this period or in the weeks leading up to this very important time.

Thank you!

## Invitation to Dot's Funday Lunch

Next Thursday, 16th January, Dot and her team will be holding their next Funday!

It will be Golden Tickets galore! The theme of the lunch is "Under the Sea"

Below is the menu for the day. If you do not have a lunch account you will need to contact Joinos on

0191 643 8355



## Updated Holiday List

September 2019 – July 2020

### Advent Term (Autumn Term)

<b>Training Day</b>	-	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</b>
<b>Training Day</b>	-	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019</b>
School opens	-	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
School ends for half term	-	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School re-opens	-	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
School ends for Christmas	-	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Lenten Term (Spring Term)

School opens	-	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
School ends for half term	-	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>Training Day</b>	-	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
School re-opens	-	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
School ends for Easter	-	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020
<b>Training Day</b>	-	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>

### Trinity term (Summer Term)

School opens	-	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>*Bank Holiday</b>	-	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
School ends for half term	-	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
School re-opens	-	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
School ends for summer	-	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

# Attendance

## Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

### Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

**94.7%**



### Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are **365 DAYS** in a calendar year

**175 DAYS** are NOT spent at school



North Tyneside Council

## Don't forget!

Start the week with Holy Toast  
**MONDAYS 20p**



# Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

## Do you receive any of the following benefits?

- Income Support.
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Pension Credit Guarantee.
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit & an annual taxable income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs).
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit and an annual taxable income below £16,190.

## If so you can apply for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

DID YOU KNOW THAT SCHOOLS RECEIVE FUNDING FOR UP TO 6 YEARS FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE ON INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY ON THEM FOR A FEW WEEKS.



As well as receiving free school meals, school will also pay for child's milk through Cool Milk. We will also pay for any school trips your child goes on, pay the £40 deposit for the High Borrans trip, as well as this we will pay for After School Clubs too to ensure your child doesn't miss out. We will also use this funding if your child uses our Out of School Provision.



It's really easy to apply, see the link on the "Parents Information" section of our website [st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk) or applications can be taken over the telephone by calling (0191) 643 2288.

Of course please feel free to contact the school office if you have any queries.

Please note this is different to Universal Free School Meals which are now available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is in these year groups and you are entitled to Income based free school meals we would urge you to still apply for them, as school receives extra funding, and as mentioned above we will pay for milk, trips and our Out of School Provision.

# Happy Birthday!



## Safety First!

Please may we ask that on these icy morning,  
children and parents  
use the pathways around the car park and MUGA.  
These are the only areas which are gritted.  
Many thanks!



# Sports and Achievements



Harry and Stephen are delighted with the medals that they received for completing last term's Star Strike Soccer Course. Phil was pleased with the progress of all the children who attended.



Lauren has been busy baking cookies! Lovely!!



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)



Here's Lucia with the badge that she received from Whitley Bay Polar Club for passing her Level 1! Well done!!



Ellis has really enjoyed gaining her Level 1 award in horse riding. Her favourite horse is a white foal called "Liddles" Congratulations, Ellis!



Here are Alfie, Bobby and Oliver dropping food collected at their Mums' workplace at The Bay Food Bank before Christmas.

Our local foodbanks were delighted with all the very generous offerings from our parents, collected during the run up for Christmas.

You all certainly were "A Light Shining In The Darkness"

Thank you all so much for "Living the Gospel!"



# More Sports and Achievements



Nathaniel, Ava and Sienna are also delighted with the medals that they received for completing last term's Star Strike Soccer Course. Phil looks forward to seeing them again.



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Lily and Ava's new year got off to a great start!

They both received awards for their performance in Cheerdance and Popsteps.

Congratulations girls!

"Keeeeeep dancing!"



## Preloved Uniform

You may be aware that we have a whole rail of school uniform in the school foyer-available to anyone in our school community. There is a wide selection of uniform items available, in a variety of sizes.

So next time your child grows or loses their jumper etc, don't head up to Emblematic straight away-why not pop into the office and ask to look? We may be able to help. A suggested voluntary donation of 50p per item will go to PTA

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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 OOSC (Out of School Club)**

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

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week. Please, please book on as we have far too many late comers. As these clubs become more popular-we must know numbers as early as possible for staffing arrangements to be put in place.

Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out!

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



## 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.

This message will not reach you if you have an incorrect mobile number attached to your parentmail account. Please check that yours is correct. Thank you.

## Free Hi-Vis Vests Available

Be prepared for those dark winter mornings and evenings!

Free Hi-Vis vests available from school office. Just pop in!



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## Don't forget!

If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last episode please.

This is a government directive to protect your children.

Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820  
[www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk](http://www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk)



# Star of the Week

## Dates for your Diary

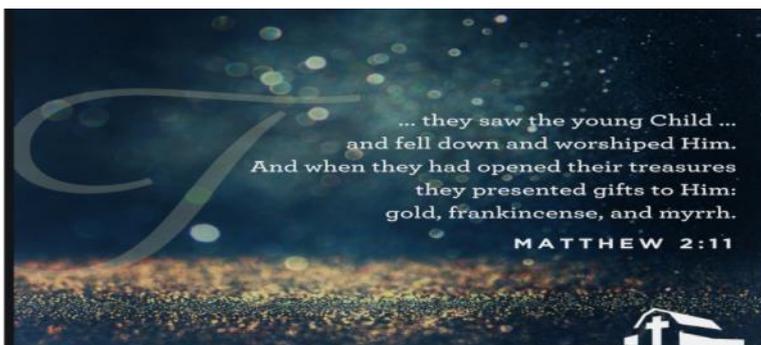
Tuesdays Year 3 Pedestrian Training  
 29th Jan: Year 6 Collective Worship with parents  
 Monday, 24th Feb: Teacher Training Day-school  
 closed

Holy  
 Toast  
 Winner!



Nursery	Leo Hanya
Reception (AW)	James F
Reception (SK)	Theo S
Year 1	Paige
Year 1/2	Oliver M
Year 2	Josie
Year 3	Jude P
Year 3/4	Olly L
Year 4	Roma
Year 5	Will C
Year 5/6	Jamie
Year 6	Xander

## Mission Value: Truth



Our Scripture for this week:

Attendance of the  
 week

This will be  
 announced  
 at our  
 celebration  
 assembly.