



Bernadette's Blog

CAFOD Day

On Monday, we held a very special day in school which centred on the experiences of refugees.

Margaret Hodgson, a volunteer for CAFOD launched the day with a truly powerful assembly which took our children on their own journey of learning to understand that forced out by war, poverty or persecution, millions of people across God's earth, face uncertain lives as migrants and refugees.

Each class then made a mini pilgrimage around a series of prayer stations.

They followed the Lampedusa Cross. Francesco Tuccio is a carpenter from the small Italian island of Lampedusa. When hundreds of refugees who were fleeing Eritrea and Somalia drowned off the coast of Lampedusa, he was moved to gather the driftwood from the wrecked boats and turn them into crosses, which he offered to survivors as a small but powerful symbol of hope.

Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk



Our school Pilgrimage of the Lampedusa Cross



Operation Christmas Child

Yesterday, the staff from Samaritan's Purse came to collect all our parcels for Operation Christmas Child.

Altogether we have had

123

boxes donated.

Twenty one of these came via Alice and Gillian Hodgson from the Baptist Church.

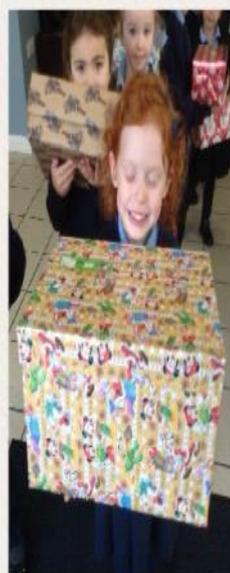
Six were donated by Beacon Hill School.

Mrs McGuigan is thrilled with the wonderful response as always.

Our value this term is "Hope" and these boxes will certainly bring hope to the children who receive them.

Thank you to everyone who donated for their wonderful generosity!

Mrs McGuigan's Class were delighted to help carry all this precious cargo out to the van.



Y1/2 and Y3/4 lead our Liturgies this week



Special thanks goes to Miss Rogers and her Year 1/2 Class who led the KS1 children through a rainbow coloured journey to discover that each of us in unique. The Liturgy was based on the story of Noah and the Ark.

Mr Milner and his Y3/4 Class took the theme of using our talents to help others. The Lampedusa Cross was a focus of this act of worship. They led the Liturgy for the KS2 children, beautifully.

Both were very uplifting experiences.

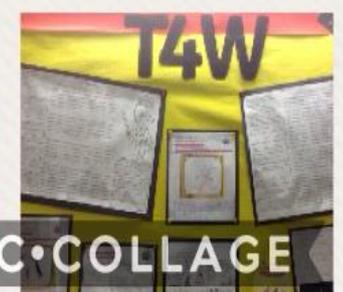
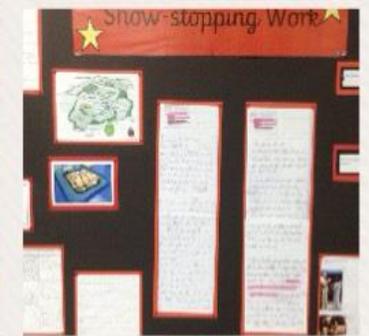


Today is Youth Friday.

Bishop Seamus has a special message for the young people in the Diocese.

Miss Dempsey hopes to share this message in our Celebration Assembly, this afternoon.

Our Wonderful New Displays



On Monday evening all our staff stayed late into the evening to put up all the new displays around school. The themes of the work around the school were based on this term's work about "Hope", Castles, Learning Journeys, Art and Talk for Writing. There were gasps of excitement the next morning as the children entered the school to be met by the magical work they have helped to create. Well done, everyone! The school looks lovely!

Important Reminders for All Parents and Carers

Parents and Carers **MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.**

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



PTA Meeting

Tuesday, 28th November at 6pm

Please, please can you come along and help our brilliant PTA Team plan their upcoming Christmas Fair?

They are such a small team of dedicated people-with such a lot of work to do-it would be great to have more volunteers!

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS &
PARENTS
THE PTA NEEDS
YOU



Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

On Monday, Mrs Walker will be opening the doors on our

Half Price Book Fair!

Books will be on sale before and after school each day until Friday morning.

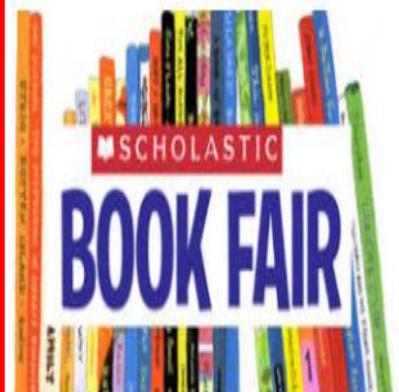
8.30am-8.50am and 3.40pm-4pm

Our wonderful librarians will be on duty!

There are some real bargains to be had that would make super

Christmas gifts-so please come along and have a look.

Our School Library benefits from a percentage of the profits!



Flu Vaccination

Children in **Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4** will all be given a Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent Form to take home on **Monday 27th November.**

It is important that the completed consent form is returned back to class by

Thursday 30th November

the form needs to be complete whether they are to have the Immunisation or not.

Many thanks!



Safety First

Please be aware that during icy weather the footpaths nearest to the school are salted for your safety. The MUGA and the Stage area decking are out of bounds. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

St. Bernadette's Christmas Diary 2017

Tuesday, 5th Dec.—Nursery Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 6th Dec.—Team Christmas Craft Morning

Thursday, 7th Dec-Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 8th Dec.—Reception Nativity 9.30am

PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 12th Dec.—Rec. Classes to Rising Sun Grotto

Wednesday, 13th Dec. KS 1 Nativity 2pm

(Y1 parents only)

Thursday, 14th Dec.KS1 Nativity 9.30am

(Y2 parents only)

Friday 15th Dec.—Rec. Party in school hall 1.30pm

LKS2 Disco 1.30pm-3pm*

UKS 2 Disco 4.30pm-6pm*

(*Both these events will take place in the Parish Centre. LKS2 children will be walked to to and from the centre by staff.)

Wednesday, 20th Dec.- Nursery Parties

KS2 Nativity in Church 6pm

Thursday, 21st Dec.- KS1 Party in school hall

1.15pm

In order to help parents and carers organise arrangements we have provided above a list of planned Christmas Events. We shall do our very best to keep to the list of dates and promise to let you know asap if unavoidable changes have to happen.

PTA Christmas Plans!



Christmas Fair Friday, 8th December at 3.30pm

The children are creating extraordinary button themed crafts that will be displayed at the fair and available for you to buy.

We will have a wide variety of local businesses coming in 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 children including Tinsel Pull game, find Rudolf's golden carrot, snowball fight, find the golden cracker, Advent Calendar game and Chocolate and Bottle tombolas to name a few.



Christmas Raffle

Win luxury hampers donated by the staff and a beautiful cake among other prizes.

Tickets are £1 a strip. Tickets should have been brought home to you already.

Simply write your name and contact details on the back of the strip of tickets and return to school with the money.



Team Craft Day

Team Craft Day is on Wednesday 6th December and is a Christmas Jumper Day.

To celebrate we ask that donations are brought in for the tombolas. Please ensure all donations are in date, thank you!

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, 8th December. Please name any containers that you would like back.

We also need volunteers. Can you give some of your time? Perhaps you and a friend could stall share. Without valuable volunteers we are not able to run events like this.

Please text Alison Russell on 07901 622797 if you can help.

Sports and Achievements



Our superstar swimmer, Niamh is back again with another enormous collection of medals!
7 gold!
1 silver!
And 6 new club records.
Fantastic!!



Well done, Matthew!
You were named 'Man of the Match' for your team.
Good Lad!



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

Massive "Congratulations!" to Miss Hall's Year 5/6 Class.
They have come top in North Tyneside for this month's Sum Dog Competition.
They win six month's free access to this fabulous resource.



Here is Lucas with the certificates that he received for swimming recently.
They're great!
Well done Lucas!

Mollie was delighted to be awarded her Badge 8 in Gymnastics. She brought her badge and certificate in for us to see.



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Christmas Dinner Day

Our Christmas Dinner Day will be on
 Thursday, 7th December.
 The cost is £2.10 per child
 payable online as usual.
 Have a look at Dot's lovely menu.



Catering Services - Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey
 Chipolata Sausage
 Sage and Onion Stuffing
 Or
 Quorn Roast

Served with
 Roast Potatoes
 Diced Carrots
 Peas
 Sprouts

Seasonal Ice Cream Dessert
 Or
 Christmas Pudding and Vanilla Sauce

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820
www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

27th Nov-1st Dec Half Price Book Fair
 27th Nov Flu Vacc Forms coming home
 28th Nov PTA Meeting 6pm
 30th Nov Last day for Flu Form returns
 14th May-18th May 2018 Year 6 SATs Week

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Nursery am	Lara
Nursery pm	Ario
Reception (DM)	Heath
Reception (SK)	Josie
Year 1	Isobel M
Year 1/2	Theo
Year 2	Chloe F
Year 3	Katie s
Year 3/4	All of Y3/4 for a lovely Liturgy
Year 4	Natan
Year 5	Max
Year 5/6	Georgina
Year 6	Jamie B

Holy Toast Winner



Our Mission Value

Our value for this half term is

Hope
 Hang
 On
 Pain
 Ends



Attendance of the week

Congratulations!
 Mrs McGuigan's
 Reception