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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

COVID-19

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in the area and therefore request that all visitors to the school site wear a face covering to ensure the safety of the staff and pupils in school.

If your child is feeling unwell and you are unsure as to whether to send them to school, as you may think they have Covid, please refer to the following symptoms:

- a high temperature above 37.8c—this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means not being able to smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Please ensure that as a family, you are testing twice weekly using LFD tests to limit possible transmission by people that may be asymptomatic. LFD test kits can be ordered online from https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Other ways to get rapid lateral flow tests

You might be able to:

- collect tests from a pharmacy
- collect tests from a community centre, such as a library
- get a test at a site

Find other ways to get rapid lateral flow device test kits on NHS.UK

Get help with ordering

If you cannot use the online service, call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines).

Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. 119 provides support in 200 languages.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 17th November

1:30pm - KS2 Mass (Church) 5.00pm - First Holy Communion Meeting (Belonging)

Thursday 18th November

1:00pm – Year 6 Confessions (in preparation for Confirmation)

Friday 19th November

EYFS nursery rhyme craft competition.

Sunday 21st November

10:30am – Year 3 Enrolment Mass (Church)

Monday 22nd November

Feast of St.Ceciliav 5EB Own Clothes

Monday 29TH November

Assessment Week Year 1-6

9:00am - Advent Service in school

Tuesday 30th November

St Andrew's Day (50p -all to wear blue or white)

Wednesday 1st December

9.00am - RSD Fine motor and Handwriting Workshop

Thursday 2nd December

9.00am - RPD Fine motor and Handwriting Workshop

Friday 3rd December

9.00am - RND Fine motor and

Handwriting Workshop

Monday 6th December

Feast of St Nicholas (1EG own clothes)

Values and Virtues

Well done to the following pupils who have shown that they have demonstrated the values and virtues of Eloquent and Truthful last half term:

Nursery				
Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange
Iyla	Leela	Olivia S	Albie -	Harper-Willow
			Joe	
RND		RSD		RPD
Reah		Amreen		Alfie
1EG		10B		
Tehya		Aaron		
2SF		2SH		2COT
Nikita		Emmy and Cathal		Carmel
3ТК		3EH	3EL	
Janelle		Olivia		Martin
4RW		4CB		4CM
Mischa		James		Azlan
5EB		5LC		5KH
China		Ava		Katees
6AMJ		6KL	6ZB	
Hanna		Alvin	Teagan	

The values and virtues that we are focusing on this half term are **Learned and Wise**.

Learned: learning how God wants us to live our lives Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

Wise: knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

What qualities does God want us to show in our everyday lives?

He wants us to be kind, loving, respectful and trustworthy. He wants us to do as Jesus did.

Follow us

If you use Twitter and would like to keep up with the news, pictures and updates for school, why not follow us at

StBernsprimary

November is the month where we remember all those who have died

We always pray for those who have died and we do so with special devotion in November, the month of All Souls.

We will of course remember our little angel Darcy who passed away earlier this year and keep her in our prayers. You might pause for a moment and remember the names of those who have died for whom you want to pray. Then pray these words:

Peace be with those who have left us and have gone to God.

May they be at peace.

May they be with God.

May they be with the living God. May they be with the immortal God. May they be in God's hands.

May they sleep in peace.
May they live in peace.
May they be where the name of God is great.

May they be with the living God now and on the day of judgment.

May they live with God.

May they live in eternal light.

May they live in the peace of the Lord. May they live forever in peace, With God in peace.



Reflection

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." - Norman

Vincent Peale

Thought for the Day

A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking because its trust is not on the branch but on its own wings. Always believe in yourself!

Applications for Reception September 2022

Parents who have a child ready to start school in September 2022 can apply for a place for their child via Birmingham City Council's website.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school admis sions/1786/apply for reception primary school

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

For places at St Bernadette's an additional form will need to be completed (available from the school office) and we will also need to see your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate. If you have any queries or require assistance, please call the school office on 0121 783 7232.

Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we have published this week's attendance figures on the newsletter. Well done to the following classes that had the best attendance in their key stage. EYFS/ KS1 ______. KS2

Nursery	RND	RSD	
RPD	1EG	10B	
2SF	2SH	2COT	
3TK	3EH	3EL	
4RW	4CB	4CM	
5EB	5LC	5KH	
6AMJ	6KL	6ZB	

Person of the Fortnight

Every two weeks we will be sharing information about a range of different important figures: scientists, athletes, musicians, etc. to help increase the children's aspirations, general knowledge and cultural capital. This week that person is Charles Dickens.

As a little boy, Charles was fascinated by everyday people and loved to make up stories about them. But when his father was sent to prison, Charles had to leave school and start work in a factory before he was even a teenager. He soon began writing and started on a path to become one of the most pioneering writers and publishers of all time.

Safer Schools APP

Please see the attached flyer which details information regarding the Safer Schools App. This app allows parents to keep abreast of the latest safeguarding developments with regard to online apps, games and Social media platforms and is totally free to download.

Holy Family Church Christmas Bazaar

Holy Family Parish will be having their Christmas Bazaar at Holy Family School on Saturday 4th December from 12 noon until 3pm. If you have any unwanted gifts or bottles that you wish to donate to the Bazaar, donations can be made at the Church or presbytery. St Bernadette's will be running the chocolate 'Spin the Wheel' stall and would like pupils to donate a chocolate bar for the prizes. If you could send any donation into school week commencing 29th November that would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Accelerated Reader
The reader of the month with the highest word count is Surina

Reception Fine Motor Workshops

We would like to invite the parents of children in our Reception classes to come and work with their child during a Fine Motor and Handwriting workshop on the following dates.

Class RSD – Wednesday 1st December at 9.00am

Class RPF – Thursday 2nd December at 9.00am

Class RND – Friday 3rd December at 9.00am

Pope Francis' monthly prayer interntion

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The intention for this month is People Who Suffer from Depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

It's getting cold

As we approach the colder months, please ensure that your child has a coat, hat and a pair of gloves to wear on their way to school and in the playground on these chilly days. Don't forget to put your child's name in all items of clothing. Thank you.

Inclement Weather

If there is bad weather, and in the unlikely event that school needs to close, please listen to the local radio stations. The school texting service, school website and the school Twitter feed will also be used to inform parents. If you do not receive a text by 8am, then you can assume that school will be open as normal. If a blanket closure is announced by Birmingham City Council then we will close. Please note: School will complete a risk assessment of the site while making this decision, it is up to you as parents to risk assess your journey to school to ensure the children arrive safely

Parent Questionnaire

We would kindly request that parents complete the online Parent Questionnaire so that your views regarding our school can be considered. Your views are important to us as a school and we welcome ideas for further improvement. The parent questionnaire can be found at:

https://forms.gle/u474EtV2943gqMG38

<u>Please could I request that all entries are completed by</u> Friday 19th November.

Christmas Holidays

Please remember that the Autumn term does not finish until Wednesday 22nd December, with the children not returning to school until Monday 10th January. These dates may be different from other Birmingham Schools.

EYFS Nursery Rhyme Craft Competition

Pupils in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to enter a nursery rhyme craft competition. Pupils should recreate a nursery rhyme using whichever craft materials they like. Entries should be sent in to school on Thursday 18th November and judging will take place on Friday 19th November. We can't wait to see the creative entries that the children produce.

Monthly Reading Newsletter

Need some inspiration regarding books for your child to read? Don't forget to check out the monthly Reading newsletter for recommendations along with the Top 20 recommended Reading lists for each year band. These can be found on https://www.stberns.co.uk/reading at the bottom of the page.

Class Saints

Monday 22nd November is the feast day for St Cecilia, class 5EB's chosen Saint. In order to mark this special feast, children in class 5EB will be invited to wear their own clothes to school on that day.

Tuesday 30th November is also the feast day for St Andrew. All Children in school will be invited to wear blue or white on this day to mark this important National Saint with a 50p contribution being given to charity.

Parents Reading with their child on Friday in Rec, Year 1 and year 2

Due to the increase in Covid cases within school these sessions have temporarily been suspended until 26th November when it is hoped that they can resume again.

Charity Support Request – 'Matt's Mission Children's Charity – Making Smiles Glow'.

Matt's Mission Children's Charity – Making Smiles Glow is a Birmingham based children's charity that supports children with life threatening illnesses and severe disabilities by granting wishes, trips gifts and visits. They have previously supported our little angel Darcy during her illness and before she passed away. Minnie missionaries – children who help support Matt's Mission - have requested some children's drawings to help advertise this important charity. They would like children to produce a picture depicting what makes them happy. Children may use whatever medium they wish e.g. coloured pencil, crayon, chalk, pastel, paint etc. These pictures will then be displayed at Morrison's in Sheldon on 20th and 27th November to help promote the charity. If your child would like to submit a picture to help support the charity, please return it to school with their first name and class on the back (do not include surnames) and the name of the school. As a thank you to those who submit pictures there will be a prize draw organised by the charity. All entries will need to be submitted to school by Tuesday 16th November at the latest as they will be collected by the charity.

Year 6 Confirmation

The date for the Year 6 confirmation this academic year will be Thursday 2nd December at 6.00pm at Holy Family Church. The children will be confirmed by Bishop David Evans. In preparation for this important sacrament the children in Year 6 will undertake the sacrament of confession on Friday 19th November in school. Please remember the children to be confirmed in your prayers.

Year 3 First Holy Communion

A reminder that there will be a meeting for parents and pupils in Year 3 who are baptised Catholics who wish to enrol on the First Holy Communion programme. This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 17th November at 5.00pm. This will be followed by an enrolment Mass at Holy Family Church at 10.30am on Sunday 21st November.

EYFS Christmas Craft

Parents of children in Nursery and Reception will be invited to a Christmas Craft session to take place at 3.15pm on Tuesday 14th December. Further details will be sent out to EYFS parents nearer the time.

Upcoming School Trips

Thank you to those parents that have paid their £10 contribution to school fund towards the cost of school trips. Your child will take part in at least one trip each academic year and the cost of each trip exceeds the £10 contribution, when entrance fees and transport are taken into account, therefore proving very good value. The following trips are scheduled to take place shortly:

Reception – West Midland's Safari Park – 16th December 2021

Year 2 – ThinkTank – 23rd November 2021 **Year 6** – Cadbury world – 29th November 2021

Other Year bands will have trips in either the Spring or Summer term depending on the topics being covered.

For Budding Engineers

If you would like your child to take part in free live lessons provided by The Royal Academy of Engineering, then click on the link below. These lessons will teach your child how engineers are using technology to improve food production and farming. These lessons are aimed at 10-13 year olds and they will take place 7-8pm on the following dates:

11/11/21 It's sow easy 18/11/21 Super Sleuths 25/11/21 Push, pull, lift 2/12/21 Laser weed zappers 9/12/21 Can we teach robots to think?

It is never too early to start thinking about your child's future and we want to encourage our pupils to be prepared for the future technological challenges.

<u>Live Workshops — Anytime Anywhere</u> <u>Engineers (aaengineers.co.uk)</u>

Anti-bullying Week

Anti-bullying week begins on the 15th
November and the theme this year is "One
Kind World'. During the week the children will
have special assemblies and undertake
activities to explore this theme further so that
they understand the importance of standing up
to bullying and the negative impact that it can
have.

Christmas Liturgies

With the number of Covid cases high nationally and locally in Birmingham, we have reviewed our risk assessments to ensure that Covid-safety measures will be in place during Christmas liturgies.

These include:

- Additional liturgies will take place so that the number of adults are reduced in the school hall.
- Places will be limited to one person per family.
- The wearing of face masks will be required for all liturgies.
- The areas being used will be well ventilated.
- Hand sanitiser will be available to use.

Below are details about the liturgies taking place – Please note these may have changed from those originally communicated:

Nursery - Christmas Stay and Play (In Nursery)

Monday 13th December – 9.00am for Yellow Group Tuesday 14th December – 9.00am for Red Group Wednesday 15th December – 9.00am for Blue Group Thursday 16th December – 9.00am for Green Group Friday 17th December – 9.00am for Orange group

Reception – Advent Service

Tuesday 14th December 9.30am for class RND and ½ class RSD (Surnames A-H)

Tuesday 14th December 2.15pm for class RPD and ½ class RSD (Surnames I-Z)

Year 1 - Advent Service

Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am for class 1EG Tuesday 7th December at 2.15pm for class 1OB **subject to change at short notice.**

Year 2 - Nativity Play

Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am for class COT & ½ class 2SH (Surnames A-H)

Wednesday 8th December at 2.15pm for class 2SF & ½ class 2SH (Surnames J-Z)

Year 3 & 4 – Leading whole school Mass at Holy Family Church

Tuesday 21st December at Holy Family Church at 9.30am

Year 5 & 6 – Carol service at Holy Family Church

Thursday 16th December at 6.00pm

Please note that these liturgies will be dependent on any local and current Covid guidance, the number of positive cases and any measures being taken to reduce them at the time. They may therefore be subject to change at short notice.

Earth Ambassadors

Welcome to our Earth! Starting this week, 16 years 6 pupils will be investing their time after school to learn how to make our world a safer, better place to be, now and in the future. Miss Corkery is developing the group according to their interests in the environment so the experience will be tailored to the pupils needs and wants. It is very exciting that we are able to be together to learn off each other how to improve our own local area and the world environment too.



Teachers for the Planet

Miss Corkery asked teachers to answer questions about how they used their environment. While we all always have more to do to help improve our local and world environment, we are quite a green bunch! Out of the replies 100% of us recycle at home which is so important to do, as well as to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce. Many of us walk in local parks with friends and family, and some with our dogs. Out of the replies 80% of us think about the environment when we are shopping for food. So that means we choose loose vegetables rather than plastic wrapped, and maybe not buying crisps all the time as their plastic packets last for years in the ground. Every newsletter we will report how our teachers help protect the environment and we will share more ideas of how to be more eco-friendly. Let's do this together, teachers and pupils for the planet!



Reporting a Pupil Absence

Please report your child absence on the school website. This can now be found using the following link: https://www.stberns.co.uk/pupil-absence. This method will allow school to have a written record of any absences and hopes to alleviate some of the congestion that occurs on the telephone lines when absences are reported.

Please note: If school does not receive a reason for a child's absence then the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised** and appropriate procedures will be followed in line with the school's attendance policy. Furthermore, if your child is attending a medical appointment during the school day please ensure that you present the appointment letter/ card to the office when signing the child in/out so that the reason can be recorded.

The Color Catcher

I would like to share a piece of work written by some of our Year 5 children (Arees, Layton, Niah, Nathan, Riley, Essie-Mae, Sophia, Stanley and Shay) which has been inspired by Roger McGough's poem 'The Sound Collector'.

An imposter called this morning, dressed in a hot pink kind of way. Put every colour into a sack and carried them away.

The cherry red lady bug, the canary yellow bird. He's taking the colours, this is absurd.

The navy evening sky, the pale moon. He is stealing all the colours, even the gloom.

The red gaming set up, the gold, soft chair. He is collecting the colours, especially the rare.

The crimson red sunset, the ebony night sky. I have to save the colours, I have to try!

The silver metal kettle, the ice cold window sill. He is stealing all the colours, I hope they don't spill.

The light green and red apple tree, the white fluffy cloud. He is taking the colours, I need to shout loud.

The lava red sunset, the cobalt morning sky. He is collecting the colours, I need to say goodbye.

A mysterious man called this morning, he didn't leave his name.

Left us only darkness, life will never be the same!

Special Certificates

Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done, to the following children:

CLASS	NAME	REASON	CLASS	NAME	REASON
Nursery (Blue)	Jumana	For great name writing!	Nursery (Red)	- VA	For creating splendid land art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.
Nursery (Green)	Fahren- Betty	For always doing the right thing in Nursery.	Nursery (Yellow)	IKeniamin	For kindness to other children and for being a great friend.
Nursery (Orange)	Mikaeel	For super name tracing.	ЗТК	Artemisia Miguel	For being a really kind and helpful member of the class. For his amazing effort in class especially with accelerated reading.
RND	Imaan	For settling into RND so well, well done!			For being the perfect role model.
	Jiyon	For always being happy and brave even though he's just started in RND, well done!	4CB	Sean	Excellent effort in English.
RPD	Daniel	For beautiful singing.	4CM	Ethan	For sharing his amazing sentences in English.
	Gracie-Mae	For being a kind friend.		Alysia	For always being on task in class – a fantastic role model to her peers.
RSD	Ihsan	For always using his manners, well done!	4RW	Lacie	For working hard in her lessons
	Bobby	For always trying his best during Phonics.		Nathan	For trying hard in maths.
1EG	Greis	For her wonderful Science work about how we can grow potatoes.	5EB	Joyce	For consistent hard work and high pace in all subjects – an example to all.
	Ruth	Fantastic writing about The Wedding at		Alfie	For being very fast at settling down to
10B	Rubie-May	Cana. For her fantastic effort during phonics.		James	work every morning – no wasted time. For being such a polite boy in all his lessons
	Edith	For her beautiful RE work.	5KH		For showing creativity and flair when writing an amazing set of instructions in English.
2СОТ	Laicen	For being an excellent role model.	5LC	-	For producing a great Greek vase in art and being so helpful to his teachers and peers.
	Ellis	For wonderful story writing in English.		Grace	For helping to lead our learning on pilgrimage by sharing insightful information.
2SF	Billy	For being an excellent role model to his peers.	6AMJ	Shania	For improved effort in maths.
	Noah	For concentrating in Maths and reading the questions carefully.		Lorraine	For always trying her best.
2SH	Leia	For always thinking carefully about her presentation of work.	6KL	Kimii-Li	For always having such lovely manners.
	Macey	For being such a wonderful role model to her peers and having such beautiful manners	UNL	\/Ir	For being such a good friend in a Games lesson this week.
3EH	Rebeca Maria	For her fantastic efforts in English	6ZB	Lacey	For excellent effort in maths.
	Edward	For the stunning manners he used when meeting visiting author, Emer Stamp.		Charlie	For always being so polite and helpful.
3EL	Francis- Dwaine	For being kind and helpful always.			
	Laicen	For being an excellent role model.			





Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Whether you're a mum, dad, carer, auntie, uncle, granny or grandpa, it's important for you to understand what children are doing online, so you can help make them safer.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new 'Safer Schools' App' provided by our school insurance provider Zurich Municipal.



• Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.

About the App

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their access, your children get access to information that is relevant to them and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.





24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)





FACEBOOK allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.



SNAPCHAT

SNAPCHAT Is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.

INSTAGRAM



INSTAGRAM Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

KIDSCHAT



KIDSCHAT.NET is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.

SKYPE



SKYPE is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up

CALCULATOR %



CALCULATOR % is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

HOT ON NOT



HOT ON NOT Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.

YUBO



YUBO Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.

KIK MESSAGING KIK



KIK MESSAGING Kik is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.

BURN BOOK



BURN BOOK Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

WISHBONE



WISHBONE This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.

GRINDR



GRINDR Is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPSS location.

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

MEET ME



MEET ME Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.

TIK TOK



TIK TOK Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.

TELLOYMN



TELLOYMN anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.

Zoomerang



Zoomerang is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts

FACEBOOK MESSENGER



FACEBOOK MESSENGER

Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to end encryption will make it even more

BADOO



BADOO is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

OMEGLE



OMEGLE is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

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CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
WWW.CHILDABUSEHELP.ORG.UK

NSPCC HELPLINE **0800 800 5000**



