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## *July Newsletter*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a very hot and 'sun shiny' climax to what has been a wonderful summer term and indeed a lovely way to bring an end to another jam-packed school year. Our End of Year Mass, celebrated by Father David, reminded us to be thankful, it called on us to remember to say thank you to those who 'give' to us. I am thankful for the wonderful staff who work so hard for the benefit of our children, for our children for being wonderful, full of aspirations and wonder and for our fantastic school community parents, grandparents, friends and parishioners who support us throughout the year in so many different ways. Father David asked us to have a 'thank you' summer holiday so that we return an even better version of ourselves than before. I hope we all give it our best try!

### **Year Six Leavers**

*Andrea, Kacper, Leon, Holly, William, Daniela, Kacey, Myrto, Kat, Leandro, Asa, Leo, Archie, Keziah, Leon, Caleb, Alicja, Maddy, Roisin, Ben, Maria, Annabelle, Gabriella, Ilerioluwa, Lucas, Abhinav, Heloise, Sophie, Freddy, Anna and Penley.*

As our Year Six children finish their journey with us at St Bernadette's, I would like to tell them and their families how extremely proud of you we all are. You have grown, matured and shown real grit and determination to achieve all that you have this year. We thank Miss Burke, Mrs Hodgson and Mr Baird for helping you grow, learn and prepare for a variety of challenges. We know what superstars you all are and wish you all the very best of luck in the future!



## Trips

Year 3 went to Leighton Moss



Beech class had a fabulous time consolidating their learning on 'rocks and soils' with a visit to Leighton Moss. The children were able to gather all the component parts of the soil around them, on their walk. They were then challenged to find evidence of those parts in the make-up of the soil. Whilst they were there, they also did some pond dipping and were joined by some ducks for lunch!

## Staffing

I can now share with you the arrangements for staffing at our school from September. All children will have a transition visit to their new classes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Class	Staff
Apple class	Mrs A Bramhall Mrs A Hegarty Mrs Bolton
Oak Class	Mrs Buchan Mrs Pilkington Mrs Stewart
Elm Class	Miss Maymon Mrs Bergus
Beech Class	Mrs White Mrs Bolton Mrs Lord
Eucalyptus class	Mrs Lewis Mrs Wood Mr Karim
Willow Class	Mrs Round Mrs Chadwick Miss White
Sycamore Class	Miss Burke Mrs Hodgson Miss Taylor

## NEWS in PE



## Sports Festival

Our children in Years 4 and 6 attended the sports festival at Salt Aryn. Mrs Wood and Mr Karim were extremely proud of all of the children and the fantastic efforts they made. They were all involved in cricket, athletics, dodgeball, tri-golf and football. The children won silver in Athletics, they were third in the tri-golf and our dodgeball team were awarded the trophy for self-belief. Overall we were awarded the Teamwork certificate. What fabulous day was had by all, well done St Bernadette's!



## PE Uniform

As you know, we have been trialling our '**Ready to go!**' PE uniform. On balance, taking into consideration the views of the children, teacher and parents and reflecting on the teaching and learning time saved across the curriculum we will be keeping the 'ready to go' approach. Children will now be required to wear their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE kit consists of: yellow badged polo shirt; navy shorts; royal blue joggers and a badged royal blue hoody. Plimsolls and/or trainers.

### Our PE Kit

- **PE Polo shirt with school badge**
- **Navy Shorts**
- **Royal blue jogging bottoms**
- **Royal blue school hoodie with school badge.**
- **Trainers/plimsolls**

Please note: - non-badged tops either hoodies or polo shirts are **not** permitted and children are **not** allowed to wear football kits or any other sports or alternative clothing for PE other than the school PE uniform. Our School uniform is very important to us as a school family, it brings us together as a school family, ensures that we are all equal and it is very smart – our PE kit is no exception.

## What Day will my child need to wear their PE kit?

Class	PE Days – must wear PE kit to school
Apple	Bring PE kit in bag – learning how to get dressed and undressed is part of your curriculum.
Oak	Wednesday Friday
Elm	Monday Tuesday
Beech	Wednesday Thursday
Eucalyptus	Monday Thursday
Willow	Monday Tuesday
Sycamore	Thursday Friday

## Swimming

We have been busy behind the scenes reorganising our swimming programme. Going forward our children will begin their swimming journey in Year 3 (Beech class). Year 4 (Eucalyptus class) will undertake their life saving skills programme. This change has been made in response to evidence that children have a greater aptitude to learn to swim in the younger year group. It is also in response to the impact Covid has had on our children.

As we begin to embed this new system, we will also be meeting the needs of our non-swimmers in Years 5 & 6. These children will continue to attend swimming and I have attached a table which shows which classes will go swimming and when. Our PE timetable has been organised so that children who can swim the required distance will have PE on the same day so that learning time is not compromised.

You will receive a letter at the start of the summer term informing you if your child will be going swimming.

	Whole Class PE Swimming	Non-swimmers	PE
Autumn Term	Year 3	Year 6 non-swimmers	Year 6 - swimmers
Spring Term	Year 4	Year 5 non-swimmers	Year 5 - swimmers
Summer Term	Year 6	Year 4 & 5 non-swimmers	Year 4 & 5 swimmers



## DT Week

Thank you for supporting us in DT week by sending in lots of materials. We had a great time making boats in Reception, windmills in Year 1, chairs in Year 2, castles in Year 3, shelters in Year 4, bridges in Year 5 and playground equipment in Year 6. We were also enormously grateful to Mrs Pereira Da Costa and her architecture students from Lancaster University who led some of the sessions for us. The children had a wonderful,

enriching experience in DT week which was organised by Mrs Buchan so thank you to her for all of her hard work and of course an extra special thanks to Mrs Donaghey for hoovering up our creative mess!!



## Friends of St Bernadette's School Disco and Bake sale

What a half term! We have already had three successful fundraisers;

- School disco which raised £346.00
- Uniform sale which raised £70.00
- Cake sale which raised £173.00



All monies raised will enable the purchase items in the near future for entire school family. The PTFA purchased children who participated in sports day alongside new outdoor storage for Reception class and an outdoor creative shed for break times.

A huge thankyou to all the school family for your continued support of events and an enormous thank you to all of the PTFA Members for all their efforts this half term. Wishing you all a glorious summer break, see you all in September for more events and fundraisers.

PTFA Chair- Miss Taylor



### **A Message From Fr David**

It was lovely to be able to welcome the whole school in church for the end of term Mass. I took the opportunity to encourage the children to say 'thank you.' My hope is that they will learn to say 'thank you' to God for the precious gift of life, 'thank you' to their teachers for all the knowledge and new skills they impart and 'thank you' to their parents and carers for their love and nurturing.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and that everyone will feel refreshed and ready for a new school year in September. Good luck to all who are moving on to secondary school. In some way or another, each of our leavers will have left a lasting legacy behind and made a contribution to the ever-changing development of St Bernadette's.

If you get the chance to join the parish family for Mass over the summer, please do come along. You will be WELCOME!

### **Finally**

Lastly, I wish you a very happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. I very much look forward to seeing all back at school in September. Please remember that we will be operating at our new times. School gates will open at 8:35am and school will start at 8:45am. School will close at 3:30pm.

God bless,  
Mrs Shoulder