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October Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

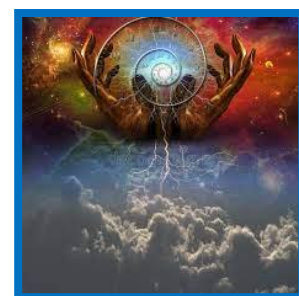
It has been a blustery, wet and dull end to what has been a whirlwind of a half term! This week I have very much been reminded of what an absolute privilege it is to serve the community of St Bernadette's. Our children have really taken on our *'in loving others we love Jesus'* mission. We have seen our mission come alive this half term in the efforts and determination of the Year 5 children in raising money for CAFOD; baking scones, giving up break times to prepare and tidy up, challenging others to give what they can and by giving their time to make others feel welcome in our school. In our Play buddies in Year 3 supporting the younger children every lunch time, in our Foodbank Fridays and not least yesterday, in celebrating Harvest where our newly appointed Prayer leaders reminded us of our responsibility as God's stewards. I have shared our St Bernadette's Charter on the Care of Creation so that you can join in too and help us keep our commitments.



Charter on the Care of Creation

We ***believe*** that God created us, the world around us; everything and everybody in it.

We ***know*** that God has called us to be stewards of his creation. Our ***job*** as stewards is to work together to make our world a place of beauty, wonder, worship, love, justice, peace, friendship and hope.



We ***challenge*** ourselves to live simply by saving energy and to never take more than we need.

We ***challenge*** ourselves to share what we have with others; especially those who are hungry.

We ***challenge*** ourselves to use our church and school to make good choices so that our love and joy can be a shining example to others.

We are ***committed*** to looking after ourselves and each other.

We are ***committed*** to looking after our school and everything in and around it.

We are ***committed*** to making sacrifices and raising money so that our brothers and sisters around the world can have their fair share and live safely and happily.

We are ***committed*** to seeking fairness and justice for others and we support Fairtrade.

We are called to be 'doers' of the word not just 'hearers' because at St Bernadette's we believe that *'in loving others we love Jesus'*.



Harvest



Once again we have shown that as a community we can do great things when we work together. Thank you to Year 5 and Mrs Round who once again hosted a fantastic CAFOD Afternoon Tea. Thank you to all of those who supported us whether you baked cakes,

donated money or came along and had a cuppa and a chat. It was brilliant to see the children enthusiastically living out our Gospel Values in the service of others. We are super proud of



them and their efforts. An amazing £254 was raised

which will be used to buy emergency food for those in need through CAFOD world gifts.

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/frontpage/products/emergency-food-1>



Food Bank Donations

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

You have been very generous with your Food bank Friday donations. Together the food bank collections being carried out both in school and in the Parish meant that Mrs Maudsley and I took two full car loads of much needed food down to Barton Road foodbank. Your generosity really will make a difference to lives of those in our local area who find themselves in need.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Christopher and Mia in Sycamore class. They were successful in their applications to be appointed as our Head Pupils. I'm sure they will do a fantastic job in the year ahead.

We also share congratulations with our Team Captains Luke, Faaiz, Isioma, & Nana and their deputies Rufus, Olivia, Zoya and Kaleb

We are very proud to have appointed our school Prayer Leaders Harley, Felicity, Freya, Jack and Luke who will work alongside Mrs Shoulder & Mrs Bramhall to enrich our prayer life at St Bernadette's; our Laudato Si Stewards Raphael, Anna, Jan and Freya who will work alongside Mrs Lewis in our work to look after our common home; our school librarians, Essie, Grace, Ava, Anton, Liza and Athena who will work alongside Miss Burke to keep our reading areas inviting and inspiring and our Play leaders, Skye, Jude, Jacob, Lelan and Laila who will lead play and games with the younger members of our school.

The Month of the Rosary



Throughout October Mrs Bramhall has been leading the children in a lunchtime prayer club to pray The Rosary. The children have responded to the call to prayer and have attended in large numbers – our oratory just isn't big enough!

Perhaps over the half term, up until the end of October, you could support us and the 'Aid to the Church in Need campaign' by continuing to pray the Rosary at home and join a global prayer community praying for Peace around the world.

<https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>

Football Clubs, Competitions and Team Leaders!



It has been a super busy sporting half term. Both boys and girls have taken Part in football competitions at Our Lady's Catholic College with Mrs Wood and a mixed Team went to play in a football tournament at Moorside

with Mr Karim and Mrs White. In this competition our A team finished in 3rd place overall with our B team in 7th position. Mr Karim couldn't have been prouder of the children, they never gave up and were supportive of each other. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who turned out to support and encourage us.



Year 5 have been super busy undertaking Leadership training as part of their PE curriculum. Very soon they will be putting their new skills into practice by leading Key Stage One lunchtime sports clubs. Well done Willow class you have worked so hard!

Help your PTA needs you!

Friends of St Bernadette's are still looking for members to join them – many hands make light work!

The friends are not just about raising funds for our school but are also about providing activities and events which bring our school community together. Whilst there some meetings, we would be willing to accept as much or as little support as you can offer. Some parents have expressed a wish to reinstate some of the old nights such as the 'International Food Evening' and the 'Christmas Carol Service' with mince pies and mulled wine. We would love these events to take place but need more help and support to run them. Please email Susan Taylor who is the current chair of the FOSB if you would like to help and for any further details.

fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk

Dates for your diary



A big surprise.....on Wednesday 9th November all children and staff will need to come to school dressed like you are ready to rock! We need you to bring out your inner rock star ready to transform St Bernadette's into the place to be seen.....and heard!
There is no charge for this day as all costs have been met by school with some support from the FOSB.

Mass at St Bernadette's @ 9:15am	
Beech	Monday 31.10.22
Elm	Monday 7.11.22
Oak	Monday 14.11.22
Apple	Monday 21.11.22

Monday 31 st October	Return to school
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Evening via Teams
Wednesday 9 th November	Rock Star dress up for the big surprise
Thursday 10 th November	Parents Evening via Teams
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service Hall at 2pm
Monday 14 th November	Odd Socks day to mark the start of Anti-bullying week
Friday 25 th November	Own clothes Day for FOSB Christmas Chocolate raffle
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity in Church @ 2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Advent Service & Carols in church at 2pm

Have a safe and restful half term break. Play, read and have lots of fun and come back refreshed and ready to learn!

God Bless,

Mrs. Shoulder