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July Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful last few weeks in school. Lots of performing, sports endeavours and celebrations. Year Six took to the stage in wonderful performances of 'I'm in Year 6, get me out of here!' It was incredibly amusing and unfortunately interactive for some!

We have had swimming, bowling and cricket competitions, class trips, water fights, a Leaver's Service and a very long final assembly yesterday; thank you to those who came along to celebrate with us. Well done to Apple class for the most improved attendance and to Beech class for the highest attendance in the summer term. The house team cup was won by St Sebastian house and they received extra playtime as a reward.

Before we finish for the summer, Father David has asked me to reach out to you to see if there is anyone who might be willing to run a mother and toddler group in our church. If you think this is something that you could do, please let Father David know.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Mr Ritchie, father of Mia in Year 2, who volunteered with his team to reinstate our flower beds at the front of school. Thanks to the timber you donated and the your time, they now look so smart and we know the children will love planting and growing things in them next year.

First Holy Communion

This term we have celebrated a large number of children in Eucalyptus and Willow classes making their first holy communion. They were presented with a card and a small gift to mark the celebration by our Year 6 Prayer Leaders. Thank you to all involved in planning the occasion and preparing the children for reconciliation and receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

Please remember in your prayers as they take another step along their faith journey.



Goodbye Mrs Lord!

Today also marks the last day of working life for Mrs Lord who begins her retirement tomorrow. We held a little tea party in school for friends and colleagues, past and present to say goodbye and wish her well and she was guest of honour in our final assembly. Though we

will miss her greatly, we wish her the very best of everything on her new adventures.

Year Six Leavers

As our Year Six children conclude 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. Good luck Faaiz, Mia, Grace, Laila, Kaleb, Ava, Freya C, Jacob, Felicity, Skye, Isioma, Christopher, Essie, Lelan, Luke M, Harley, Olivia, Nana, Jude, Jan, Anna, Fraya S, Liza, Jack, Luke S, Rufus, Anton, Athena.



Trips



Beech class had a fabulous time consolidating their learning on locational knowledge with a walking trip to Williamson's Park.



NEWS in PE

We finished our sports year off with a fantastic afternoon of wheelchair basketball. Shaun Gash came into school and led 2 sessions for Year 3 & 5. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Everyone learnt new skills, showed sportsmanship and developed a new respect for wheelchair users.



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

Class	PE Days – must wear PE kit to school
Apple	Monday Thursday
Oak	Monday Tuesday
Elm	Wednesday Friday
Beech	Wednesday Thursday
Eucalyptus	Monday Thursday
Willow	Tuesday Thursday
Sycamore	Thursday Friday

Swimming Days

Swimming day is Thursday each week	Whole Class PE Swimming	Non-swimmers
Autumn Term	<i>Beech class</i>	<i>Year 4 non-swimmers</i>
Spring Term	<i>Eucalyptus class</i>	<i>Year 5 non-swimmers</i>
Summer Term	<i>Willow class</i>	<i>Year 6 non-swimmers</i>

Uniform

At the last full governing body meeting, the governors undertook a review of the uniform policy. Please find attached the reviewed policy with some minor but very important **tweaks which are highlighted blue**. Please note that boots are not permitted as part of the school uniform. The policy also clearly states which items of uniform **MUST** be the badged items. We are currently waiting for the uniform shop to let us know whether they are able to source and sell sew on school badges. We will update you as soon as we have confirmation that these are available. The school badge is important to the children. They tell us that they feel safe with the badge on their clothes, that if they were to ever get lost the badge would tell people which school they were from. As such, non-badged polo shirts – gold (PE) or blue (summer) are not permitted.

We are also aware that the uniform shop has sold cycling shorts as part of our PE kit. This is not the case and only the blue shorts are suitable. If you have purchased these, please approach the shop for a full refund.

Please remember our pre-loved uniform shop which Vickie is running on behalf of the FOSB. If your child has outgrown their uniform or is moving on and no longer requires their uniform please consider donating the unwanted items to our shop.

We understand that in the run up to the summer holidays children may grow, shoes may break or be lost and as such we exercise some laxity in following up the uniform policy. However, our uniform is very important to us, it is important to our children and is a great leveller for all. As such we will be following up non-compliance with the uniform policy more closely.

Uniform required for Autumn

- Grey trousers/**Grey knee length shorts**/Grey knee-length skirt/ Grey pinafore
- Pale blue shirt/Blouse
- Black Royal blue pullover/Cardigan with an embroidered school emblem (**generic non-badged items are not acceptable**)
- Grey/White socks/Grey tights
- School Tie
- Black sensible footwear (**trainers or boots of any kind are not permitted**)

Uniform required for Summer

- Pale blue polo shirt with the school badge (**generic non-badged items are not acceptable**)
- Grey skirt, grey shorts, a grey pinafore, grey trousers or a blue and white gingham dress. (**playsuits are not permitted**)
- Badged school cardigans, jumpers and pullovers may also be worn.
- Sensible footwear including sandals – **black, navy or white** (**not trainers or boots of any kind**)

Uniform required for PE days

- Navy blue shorts/Royal Blue Joggers
- Yellow polo shirt with the school badge/Royal Blue School Hoodie with the school badge (**generic non-badged items are not acceptable**)
- Black elasticated pumps / trainers for outside

Jewellery

Children **must not** wear jewellery (e.g. ear rings, ear studs, rings and bracelets) other than watches. *(Electronic device with photo capability or access to the internet are not permitted)*

Hair

Please ensure that your child's hair style / colour is appropriate for school:-

- Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied back with a plain hair band in either blue, white or black only. Children are permitted to wear a thin plain head band in either blue, white or black only.
- No other hair accessories are permitted.
- *Bright colours, shaved patterns or excessively gelled or extreme styles are not suitable for school and as such are not permitted.*

School Dinner Prices

The price of a school dinner will rise from £2.40 up to £2.50 from September. If you feel you maybe entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Maudsley in the office. If your child is moving from Year 2 (Elm Class) to Year 3 (Beech Class) you will now have to pay for school meals.

Friends of St Bernadette's Summer Fayre



Firstly, on behalf of all the FOSB I would like to say a huge THANKYOU to all the volunteers, staff, parents and contributors who have supported our Summer Fayre. Lots of sponges were thrown and ducks hooked; we all had a great time!

Together, we have raised an amazing £2300 at the fair which in turn will make a massive difference to our school family.

This year the friends have worked hard to raise money and create events, with your support, the FOSB have bought 2 new KS1 sheds, sports day medals and lollies, snacks for the SATs breakfasts, new starter books, provided financial support for all class trips and much, much more.

With lots of exciting events planned for the new school year, we are always looking for new volunteers to join our group, if you can spare any time please get in touch with me for more information.

Wishing all our school family a lovely relaxing break and Summer holiday.

Miss Taylor FOSB Chair

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Finally

On behalf of myself, all the staff and governors, we wish you a very happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for your kind words and gifts they are very much appreciated. We very much look forward to seeing all back at school on Monday 4th September.

God bless,
Mrs Shoulder