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## September Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

As this is the first newsletter of the year, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome the new members of our school community, those families joining us in Apple class and to our new starters throughout the school.

We held a 'welcome' coffee morning this week and it was lovely to see new and familiar faces. Please let us know if there is a better time or day to hold these as it would be lovely to see more of you there.



School has been a hive of activity so far with a visiting workshop from Lancaster University in Year 5. Football, Netball and Cricket clubs thanks to Mrs Wood and Mr Karim and Miss Taylor, as well as lots of new learning.



Mr Karim shares:

*'This half term, the Girls in years 5 and 6 (Tuesdays) and the Boys (Thursdays) after school have had the opportunity to attend Football clubs and despite the wet and muddy conditions, have had a fantastic time learning new skills and taking part in mini matches.'*



## New Beginnings

Our new children in Apple class have settled in very well and have been super busy. Mrs Bramhall and Mrs Hegarty are very proud of the children who are now experts in their lunchtime routines and are enjoying learning, playing and making friends.



## BRITISH VALUES – Democracy



We have voted in our new School council; well done to: Phoebe, Max, Enqi, Jacob, Magnus, Katherine, Maya, Nancy, Bear, Marianna, Amy and Isla. I'm sure you will do a really good job alongside Mrs Pilkington working for the good of our school community



## Uniform

We have been very impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return and due to the heat, it was necessary for the children to wear their summer uniform. However, the heat now seems a distant memory and all children should now be in their winter uniform.

This newsletter also provides me with an opportunity to share some reminders about our uniform rules:

- \* *Children are not permitted to wear large bows and accessories in their hair. Small clips which keep the hair off the face are acceptable. If your child has had a 'holiday braid' it must now be removed for school.*
- \* *Long hair should be tied up out of the face. We have had some notifications of head lice from parents since our return and the easiest way to prevent their spread is to up your child's hair.*
- \* *Jewellery, with the exception of watches is **not** permitted in school. This rule is due to health and safety rules. If your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks, we ask that you come into school to sign a health and safety waiver form. This is **NOT** a parent consent form to wear earrings. In all other cases we ask that all earrings are removed.*
- \* *Blue Polo shirts are part of our **summer** uniform - all children should now be wearing their shirt and tie.*

### **PE Uniform**

- \* *PE polo shirts must have the school badge on them. All children as the weather gets colder should be wearing royal blue jogging bottoms. **Leggings are not permitted.***

There is our pre-loved uniform available via our Friends group for all badged items available on this link <https://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=11504> Thank you Vickie, from the Friends of St Bernadette's committee for organising this and especially for all the washing and ironing! We have also had large donations of non-badged uniform including trousers and shirts etc. Please let us know if you could make use of them.

As ever, if you need support with school uniform, please come and speak to us in the office.

### **Lost Property**

*We have accrued a large amount of lost property in the office area. We have school coats and a plethora of unnamed uniform. Please come into the office if your child has lost items and have a look. Can I please urge you to name all of your uniform so that we can return wandering items to you quickly.*

### Nasal Flu Immunisations

The School Vaccination Team will be in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to administer the annual flu immunisation for **ALL** classes. You will have received an email with a link for you to offer your consent. The school nursing team arrange all aspects of the immunisation programme with parents and carers directly. School, in particular Mrs. Maudsley, do not co-ordinate consent any longer.

### Parents Evening

The first Parents Evenings of the school year will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm. These open evenings will be via Teams and will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child with their class teacher. Our spring parents evening will be an in-person meeting in school. The booking form will be made available to you soon.

### Message from the Chair of the FOSB

Firstly, a huge welcome to our new reception children & families. We hope you will be coming along to our planned events and enjoying being a part of the important fundraising for our school.

As we enter our new term, The Friends of St Bernadettes have arranged lots of upcoming exciting events including a Quiz evening, a very Special visitor at Christmas time, a spectacular evening of Carols and Mulled Wine and much more. We are as always in need of volunteers to help at events that we can call upon on an ad hoc basis, if you can help, please email me at Chair@St-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk

So far this term alongside event planning, we have pledged to help towards trip costs for all classes 22/23 academic year and held a Reception Parents Coffee morning.

Upcoming Friends events dates for your diary:

- **Family Quiz night -6th October**
- **Chocolate raffle donations-24th November**
- **Movie night- 6th December**
- **Carols and Mulled wine- 18th December**
- **Party day & Special visitor- 18th December**

As always, we have our online pre-loved uniform shop run by our FOSB member Vickie. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the school office.

We hope you can join us for our planned events and look forward to seeing you all there.

**Susan Taylor FOSB Chair.**

### Dates for your diary

	<u>Monday Mass at St Bernadette's @ 9:15am</u>	<u>Parent class worships @ 9am</u>
Sycamore	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Willow	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Eucalyptus	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Beech	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Elm	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Oak	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Apple	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October

Upcoming Events	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 3 & 4 Abbeystead Visit
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	FOSB Quiz night @6:15pm
October 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Food Collection Week- All donations welcome
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October @ 1:30pm	Willow Class CAFOD Lunch – more details will follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2pm	Harvest Service in school – All welcome
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November @ 9:15am	All Saints Mass - All are welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November – via Teams	Parents Evening via Teams
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November – via Teams	Parents Evening via Teams
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	The Rock Kidz are back! Be ready to rock out to a new theme of self-esteem. Who will be the best dressed rocker this year? Children to come to school dressed as Rockstars the cost for this day is £2.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service Hall at 2pm – All Welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks day to mark the start of Anti-bullying week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Own clothes Day for FOSB Christmas Chocolate raffle
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Victorian Christmas Trip to Judges Lodgings
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November @ 3:30pm -	FOSB Movie Night
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm & 6:30pm	Nativity in Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November @ 6:30pm	FOSB Carols and Mulled Wine
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm	Advent Service & Carols in church at 2pm

Have a wonderful weekend, God bless.

Mrs. Shoulder