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### **October Newsletter**

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful and enjoyable half term break. This half term looks like it will be a very busy one! We have lots of events and activities planned for the coming weeks. Tomorrow, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of November you are welcome to join us for All Saints Day Mass at 9:15am, the Rock Kidz will be back to mark the start of anti-bullying week, we have our London Trip for Elm Class, Parents Evenings and our Remembrance Service before we begin our run up to Christmas and all those wonderful events.

On another matter, the parents of Willow class will already be aware, Miss Burke had not been in school due to illness. She has now taken the decision not to return to school and we wish her every good wish for the future. I would ask that you respect her privacy at this time.

#### **Congratulations!**



We were inundated with wonderful applications for the Year Six job roles this year. It is a pleasure to send congratulations to Amy and Ysandre in Sycamore class. They were successful in their applications to be Head Pupils this year; I'm sure they will do a fantastic job in the year ahead.



We also share congratulations with our Team Captains Lily, Zayan, Robert and Elise and their deputies Freya, Archie, Edgar and Theo. I am sure they will represent their houses with pride in the year ahead.

Our Prayer leaders for this year are Max, Grace, Oliver T, Willow, Damien and Aidan.



They will soon be planning their first service for the school community and will have a very important role to play in the prayer life of our school in the year ahead. Our Laudato Si representatives, who represent our school at the Lancaster and Morecambe Schools Pupil Parliament and will work alongside Mrs Lewis to lead us in the care of our common home, are Esme, Sophia, Lev and Eli.





Also appointed to their roles as play leaders were Jasmina, Jack, Georgie, Alfie and Declan. They will provide additional creative play opportunities during lunchtimes and I'm sure they will do a sterling job. Our school librarians this year are Donovan, Hamda, Menaal, Isla, Chimneyem and Benji. Look out in the coming weeks as they have lots of ideas to inspire and develop further the love of reading at St Bernadette's.



### Abbeystead Visit



Beech and Eucalyptus classes had a wonderful trip to Abbeystead. They took their learning outside; the weather was kind and a fabulous day was had by all. We are immensely grateful for trips such as these that enrich our curriculum learning and are free which makes them accessible and transport affordable.



### Harvest - The season of Creation



Thank you to Willow class who this year held our Harvest Lunch in aid of CAFOD. We were treated to warming pumpkin soup and delicious apple crumble with a choice of cream, custard and ice cream. Thank you to Mr Baird and Mrs Hodgson for their hard work in preparing this with the children. Thank you, Mrs Johns, for allowing us to use the kitchen, providing the soup mugs as well as baking as her delicious cakes that as usual went down a storm. Of course, our biggest thanks is to you our families and our parishioners who joined us and together raised a wonderful £238.18 which we know will make a huge difference. The children enjoyed every minute. They were excellent waiters, servers, chefs and made exquisite posters and table menus for our guests.





## Harvest Service



We held our Harvest Service in Church this year and it was wonderful to see so many of you there; it's lovely to see the church so full. We were super proud of all the classes who contributed thoughtful poems, songs and



prayers and reminded us all how lucky we are to have a God who has provided everything we need, who loves us and has made us in his image. Harvest also reminds us to think of our role as stewards of God's Creation and the need to look after what we have been given, to share fairly and to work for the good our neighbours near and far.

A special note of praise must go to Apple class who came to church with the whole school for the very first time and sang beautifully, well done to you!



We also carried gathered food for the Harvest collection and these donations will go to the Olive Branch in town. We know there are more of us in need than ever before and that the local foodbanks are struggling to keep up with demand and with this in mind we will continue to run



foodbank Fridays throughout this half term. Please bring any donations to class on a Friday and the Prayer Leaders will collect them.

## Outdoor Science – Elm class



Year Two have begun the year by planting bulbs in our garden. They will monitor these as they grow and change as well as keeping a diary of the garden and record changes in their environment throughout the seasons. They had a wonderful time in the fresh air, picking out weeds and examining roots. They have also planted some bulbs around our new statue of Our Lady so that she will be surrounded by the new life of spring!



## Sports News

It has been a super busy sports term already. Our Year 5 children have completed their sports leader training and will begin leading lunchtime sessions for our key stage one children this week. Undaunted by the weather, we have had football, netball and cricket clubs after school and our football teams have been on wonderful form.

Mr Karim shares the following report from the Lancaster schools football competition at Moorside:

***'This term St Bernadette's participated in the Year 5/6 Lancaster Schools Football Tournament at Moorside. St Bernadette's entered two teams into the tournament, a total of 16 children. The teams had great success with one team winning the tournament overall and the other team coming in 3rd place out of a total of 8 other schools. St Bernadette's winning team won all 5 of their matches without conceding a single goal.***



***Well done to all the children that took part in horrendous wet conditions, you did yourselves, your families, and your school proud.'***

Mrs Wood also took both our girls and boys football teams to Our Lady's Catholic College to compete in separate tournaments. She shares:

***'Our girls' football team took part in a tournament and competed against other local schools and were undefeated. They did not have a single goal scored against them. They demonstrated some excellent football throughout, finishing in first place. Then it was the boys chance to take part. They also competed against five other local schools and like the girls, were undefeated. Not having a single goal scored against them and again demonstrating some excellent football throughout, the boys finished in first place. Well done to all the boys and girls involved and thank you to those who came to support our teams.'***



### Friends of St Bernadette's News

Our FOSB have launched their 100 club this term, please support them if you can. Numbers can be bought by any family members, friends or neighbours and you can purchase as many numbers as you like. There is still time to join!

Upcoming FOSB events are the ever popular Christmas chocolate raffle, Movie Night and our new Christmas Carol event. Dates are in the table below. If you are able to help with these events, please contact [fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November @ 9:15am	All Saints Day Mass
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening - Teams
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – Teams Slots available on the Parent App.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	The <b>Rock Kidz</b> 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 @ 2pm in the Hall	Remembrance Service – All are welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Elm Class Trip to London
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
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Aladdin Pantomime
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm & 6:30pm	Christmas Nativity
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day – children can wear their own clothes.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November @ 6:30pm	FOSB Christmas Carol event
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm	Christmas jumper & Christmas Dinner Day Advent Service & Carols in church at 2pm

God bless,  
Mrs Shoulder