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March Newsletter

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." – John 20:29

This week we have been preparing to celebrate God's greatest sacrifice. He sent his own son to die so that we might live. Through our Holy Week assemblies, the children have retold the events leading up to Easter and have reflected on what this means for us. They have led us in Celebration of The Word, they have sung and we have prayed together.

Our Year Three and Year Four children performed the Easter story wonderfully to a packed St Bernadette's church. The love and pride in the sharing of the Easter story was palpable to all who attended.

We extend to you, our families, a heartfelt thank you for joining us and supporting our Easter preparations. It really does mean the world to our children to have you with us both in celebration and worship.

Lenten Journey

Our Lenten journey has been 'jam packed' this year; from food bank donations, alms giving theme days which this year included pyjama and wacky hair and socks days. Laudato Si activities which saw our Laudato Si group litter picking in the rain! Together we have raised an amazing total of £489.81 for our chosen charity Mary's Meals and lived out our Gospel values of Love, Joy, Kindness and Stewardship.

Together, we continue to embody our Catholic Mission and show that *'in loving others we love Jesus'*.

Once again this is only possible with your support and the hard work and dedication of our staff. Thank you for everything you have done. Every tin, packet, jar and penny Donated, really has made a difference to those near and far.



Staffing News



I am delighted to be able to share with you that on Tuesday, following a successful interview, the Governing Body appointed Mrs Clare Round to the post of Deputy Headteacher. She will take up her role in June and I am sure that you will wish her every good wish as she continues to make a difference to the lives of the children and families in our school.



I can also share that Mrs Chadwick will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new role and new challenges outside of education. We thank her for her devoted service and wish her well with her new endeavours.

We are also advertising for a substantive class teacher. Our advertisement can be found [here](#). We ask that you share this as widely as possible and I look forward to being able to share a positive outcome with you in the near future.

Science Week



This half term we also celebrated Science week. This year the theme was 'Time' and an exciting time was had by all! The children took part in a range of experiments linked to their science curriculum, Year One acted out life cycles and across the school we took part in Science Farm Live. Key Stage One learnt about a day in the life of a farmer and Key Stage Two learnt about a day in the life of a farm vet – complete with watching a birth!



We also had a visit from Animal Care who visited each class to talk about what animals need and how best to look after animals. As a thank you we donated £50 as part of our charitable giving in Lent. We also focussed on challenging stereotypes in science where we met and learnt about the lives of real everyday scientists and their work.

World Book Day 2024



World Book Day '24 was an awesome year for celebrating all things reading. The children and staff made a wonderful effort to celebrate their favourite characters and tales. We enjoyed tales told by a visiting storyteller and we took part in reading treasure hunts. This year, we collected donations to support class libraries as we continue to develop and inspire the next generation of avid readers, so far the donations have totalled £321. Thank you to each and every one of you who have supported our reading journey this term. At St Bernadette's reading is central to our learning life and as such is weaved into the fabric of every aspect of our curriculum. More importantly, a love of reading is what we aspire to for our pupils because as Dr Seuss tells us.....



The more that you
READ
 the more things you will
KNOW
 The more that you
LEARN
 the more places you'll
GO
 -- Dr. Seuss



Sports News

A new Football kit! Thank you to Theo and Jack for organising a cake sale to raise money for a new school football kit. As a result of your efforts, Mr Allen, father to Louis and Seb, offered to sponsor a new kit for us. I'm sure you'll agree that it looks fantastic! Thank you so much for your generosity. The children have used the money raised to buy new match balls.



Football News

Mr Karim shares the following from our football fixtures this term; 'St Bernadette's participated in friendly football matches against Moorside School. We took 3 teams, 2 boys' teams and a girls' team. The teams of children from years 4/5/6 and a total of 25 boys and girls were involved. This was the most players St Bernadette's have ever taken to a football fixture.



Our teams didn't disappoint, both boys teams were comfortable winners with each team scoring more than 10 goals each in their perspective matches wow! The girls were not to be outdone and scored a massive 13-2 victory against their opponents. All children played amazingly. They were proud of themselves as were their parents and families who came to watch. They were an absolute credit to our school. A big thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mr Bateson who gave up their time to assist Mr Karim.

St Bernadette's also entered two teams at The Lancaster Schools Year 3/4 Football Tournament at Moorside. The children played fantastically. One of our two teams was triumphant and won all of their 5 games without conceding a goal. They secured top spot with a maximum of 15 points. The second team played some amazing football and didn't stop battling to secure joint 5th place. The children's attitude and determination was amazing. As always, they did themselves, their parents and their school proud. A big thank you once again to Miss Taylor, Jack, Theo and Zayan who supported Mr Karim What an awesome job!

International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day, all the girls in school had the opportunity to participate in fun football activities. The activities were led by our Year 6 class and were supported by Mr Karim. Thank you to all the girls who participated and a massive thank you and well done to all of Sycamore Class, you were fantastic leaders.



Bench ball



A group of Y5 children took part in a Bench ball competition at OLCC. They competed against 6 other teams. Even though this was the first of this event and involved some tough games, they all played brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

Mental Health Champions

Four children from KS2 took part in a Mental Health Champions training day at The University of Cumbria. The day was delivered through The Youth Sport Trust and led by two professional athletes who told very engaging stories about their lives and challenges they've faced. The children took part in practical and theory as part of their training and are looking forward to putting it into place in school with Mrs Wood.



Tag Rugby



Children from KS2 took part in a tag rugby tournament held at The Vale RUFC. It was a brilliant afternoon and some fantastic rugby was played by all involved. The children played against 6 other local schools, winning two games, drawing two and losing two. Overall, they finished in 3rd place with 8 points. The Sun was shining for us all afternoon and lots of mud to be had!

Design Technology

This term we have been focussing on DT. The children are so very proud of their designs and creations that we wanted to show photos in a little gallery. We have been learning about 'Athletic Wraps, tasting different ingredients, making Pneumatic Toys and Automata Toys. Most importantly we have been developing our construction skills.



Year Two Music Festival

Year Two performed perfectly at the annual Music festival this year. We are all super proud of you and your teachers. Thank you to our families too who attended and made memories!

FOSB News

This term the friends have held some 'eggcellent' events including the St Bernadette's famous chocolate raffle, Family Easter Bingo and a pop up Easter Tombola. The family bingo event raised just over £1000 which is a huge success for our school family. We extend a huge thank you to all our school families for their support and to all the businesses and friends who have donated prizes for our event, your support is much appreciated and we are very grateful.

Upcoming events

The Friends will be holding a summer fair in June and a school disco in July, if anybody has any spare gift items or could donate a prize this would be gratefully received and will help to support our events. These gifts/donations can be left at the school office.

St Bernadette's friends group are always in need of helpers at events or new members to join us in planning. If you can spare a few hours here and there to help at events etc. we would love to hear from you. Please email fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk and I will be in touch.

The FOSB wish everyone a joyful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all soon at future events.

Miss Taylor FOSB CHAIR St Bernadette's Primary School

I would like to add the FOSB message a very **BIG** thank you to the friends team themselves. Your dedication and support for the St Bernadette's school family really make the difference to our children.

Uniform

When we return in April we will need to be wearing our Summer Uniform. Please click the link to our [uniform policy](#) page for further details.

As we have approached the end of the spring term there has been an increase in the number of children wearing trainers. Trainers however 'smart' are not permitted in our policy.

The rules on haircuts which we deem appropriate for school has not changed. Tramlines, and extreme styles must be worn to school. Similarly longer hair must be tied up, out of the face of the child and in hair accessories which are white, black or blue. Large headbands and bows are not appropriate for school.

PE uniform must be worn on PE days. Black or navy leggings, joggers etc. are not uniform and as such must not be worn.

Your child's class teacher will issue a letter regarding incorrect uniform in the first instance and then the matter will be passed to the leadership team to discuss with families. If for any reason you find that you cannot provide your child with the correct uniform, please contact me directly.

School Meals

When we return after the Easter holidays, the cost of a school dinner will now be £2.75. The rise is requested by LCC catering who provide our school meals.

Dates for your diary

Event/Activity	Date
School opens for the summer term	Monday 15 th April
St Bernadette's Feast Day – wear your best party clothes we will have 'French' themed snacks and a special lunch menu.	Tuesday 16 th April
Ascension Day Mass – All welcome 9:15am church	Thursday 9 th May
Bring a bottle Day - Summer Fair – wear your own clothes	Friday 10 th May
Walk to School Week	20 th -24 th May
Marian Service – All welcome	Monday 20 th May @ 2:30pm

Year 6 Parents Residential Meeting @6pm in Sycamore	Tuesday 21 st May
Own clothes day – filled Jar School closes	Friday 24 th May
School opens	Tuesday 4 th June
Year 6 Residential PGL Winnmarleigh	5 th , 6 th & 7 th June
Sports Day	Friday 14 th June
Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June
Year 6 Leaver’s Production	2pm & 6:30pm
Hawaiian Disco FOSB	Friday 12 th July
Leaver’s Service	Monday 15 th July
End of Year Mass @9:15am Church School closes for the summer	Thursday 18 th July

God bless,

Mrs Shoulder

