



ASPIRE

St. Bernadette's Newsletter

W/B 9th January 23 - every fortnight



Prayer & Liturgy

In the Gospel this week...

The children will learn that the Christmas season is over and we return to ordinary time. We will learn that the baptism of Jesus reveals Him as the Beloved Son of God and this marks the beginning of His mission. We too are invited to accept our place in God's family and, like Jesus' Mother Mary, say 'yes' to joining His mission.



In the Gospel next week...

The children will learn that John the Baptist has a revelation that Jesus is the chosen one of God. We will think about how we can celebrate the life-changing joy and freedom we find when we too recognise Jesus as God

Please click [here](#) to view the Wednesday Word for this week.



What's been happening in school?

School Council Update

The School Council are really pleased to announce that the KS2 playground will be getting some new apparatus and climbing frames this term. You may remember that we asked for your help to achieve this and received some amazing pleas from both the School Council and parents.

We would also like to share that we raised a huge £508.60 from the Christmas Fair.

Thank you so much for all of your help and support to make both of these things possible!

Upcoming events- Save the Date

- Thursday 26th Jan
Year 6 class assembly 9:15am
All Year 6 parents/carers welcome.
- Thursday 16th Feb
Year 3 class assembly 9:15am
All Year 3 parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 17th February
School closes for Feb half term.
- School reopens on Monday 27th February.

Sacramental Programme

Pupils who are baptised catholic and are in year 3+ will be invited to start on their sacramental journey in the spring term. Father Bill will be sending out a letter to all parents with further information. We look forward to helping the children during this special time.

What Christmas looked like at St. Bernadette's

Before the Christmas holidays we had a fantastic build up to Christmas in school.

The children enjoyed participating in the Advent prayer trails and we had lovely Advent Mass where we were joined by parents and parishioners in church. The children were absolutely amazing in their Christmas performances, we definitely have some future stars of the stage at St Bernadette's. We were also lucky enough to see two pantomimes, visit the Romiley Forum theatre and the children and staff enjoyed their Christmas dinner. Finally, the best festive dance moves were definitely out for our Christmas party day.

E-Safety

This week we are focussing on safely setting up apps, games and software. In 2020, smartphone and tablet users spent a global total of around £330 million on downloading apps over the Christmas period. The following year, the UK alone saw almost seven million video games being given as gifts. The holiday season heralds a major spike in young people encountering new games and apps for the first time. Although games and apps mainly offer harmless fun, there are still risks to remain aware of – from realistic violence in this year's must-have shooter to contact from strangers on the latest networking platform. [Download your parents' guide to setting up apps here.](#)

Making Improvements to the School Building

From the first week back in January there will be building work taking place in the main foyer. This will last approximately 4 weeks.

This means that you will not be able to access the school via the front door. It is essential that children are brought to school on time using the gates as an access point. If you need to speak to the office staff in person, you can use the intercom and then someone will meet you at the EY foyer door.

Breakfast Club entrance and pick-ups from after school clubs will also be the EY foyer door. Please bear with us during this important and necessary work.

Practically Perfect School Uniform

Don't forget that we have lots of practically perfect uniform on sale.

Most items are 50p or £1.

Come to the main foyer at the front of school if you need any items of clothing.

All teachers will be sending out the curriculum newsletters for this term. Please watch out for them via the School Spider App.



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Key Stage 2 Climbing Area Design



Some of our Attendance Superstars for Autumn 2022



Congratulations to the 33 children who achieved 100% attendance this term.

They have all received a certificate and a gift.

We also had quite a few children who achieved 99% attendance; well done to you too!

Well done to everyone. Let's keep up this outstanding attendance into the coming year.



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Pantomime Time!

