



Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Reception Welcome Newsletter

Welcome to Reception!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have made a wonderful start to their time in Reception, settling in beautifully to their new routines and beginning to explore everything our classroom has to offer. It has been a joy getting to know them and seeing their confidence grow each day as they make new friends and learn new things. I am really looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery. We have lots of fun learning planned, and I can't wait to share our learning journey with you.



Miss Quellin



Miss Trafford

Staff

Miss Quellin is your child's teacher. Our wonderful Teaching Assistant is Miss Trafford. If you have any messages for the class teacher and you are unable to pass on a message at the gate in the morning, please contact the school office or send a message through Class Dojo.

Messages sent to Class Dojo will be responded to between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm, when it is convenient to do so.

Weekly Mass

On Tuesdays, different classes from our school attend the 9:15am. Mass at our local parish church – St. Bernadette's. We will let you know when our Reception children will attend mass. You are always very welcome to join us, so please come along.

Reception Welcome to School Mass

Our Welcome Mass will take place in school on Tuesday 9th September at 9:30am



Class Dojo

Our class community Class Dojo, is used for us to communicate with parents and share all of our lovely learning.

Any new families to St. Bernadette's will have received their invite this week. Please use this to connect to our Class Dojo to help you keep up to date.



Scooter Day

Reception's day to bring their scooters to school to use over lunch time is **Monday**. They can bring their scooters through the school gates in the morning and store them in the scooter racks until lunch time.



Reading

We ask that all children read 'little and often' in Reception. Taking part in the reading process each day at home will greatly benefit your child and we aim for our children to grow a real love of reading and sharing stories.



Your child will receive a reading record to help keep track of their reading at home, please sign and date each time you read together.

Your child will receive a Reading Record and books home next week, starting with our 'Love of Reading books' from our School Library. Shortly after they start Sounds~Write (our phonics programme), they will start to receive their decodable reading books.

We ask that children bring their reading books in their book bag to school every day .

Equipment/Resources needed

Please remember to bring in your water bottle each day. They are refilled during each day.

As we are outdoors learning in all weather's please ensure that your child wears a suitable **waterproof coat** and brings a **pair of wellies** to be left in school.



Our PE day is Tuesday. Children need to **come to school** wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green St Bernadette's P.E top, plain black joggers/leggings/ shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie (no logo).

Please label all clothing, jumpers, hoodies, coats and shoes as they can become easily misplaced.

Lunches

Reception children receive universal free school meals.

Please order these on the myevolvehub.com, so that your child can enjoy a meal, that you know they like. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. As part of our Early Years curriculum, we will be encouraging the children to use a fork and knife at lunchtimes...lots of practise at home will help to develop this skill too.



Payments

We use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education that they attend school and arrive on time so that they don't miss out on any of their lovely learning. If there are any problems, Mrs Crowder will be happy to help. No holidays must be taken in term time.

Important Dates for Reception

8th – 12th September – National Reception Baselines to be completed.

Tuesday 9th September – Welcome Mass – 9:30am

Tuesday 9th September – Meet the Teacher – 6:00pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening – 1pm onwards

Tuesday 16th December – Reception and Y1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm

