# Saint Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Year 1 Welcome Newsletter

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Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. I am so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new routines. I am looking forward to working with you all to help your children have a fantastic year of learning and exploring in Year 1.

- Miss Bailey



Miss Bailey



Mrs Berry

### Staff

With Miss Bailey in Year 1, we also have Mrs Berry who will be working with us to support our learning. If you do not speak to a member of staff at the beginning or end of the school day, please contact the school office or send a message through Class Dojo. Messages sent to Class Dojo will be responded to within 48 hours 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 St. Bernedette's. Dates for this will follow.

### Homework

**Reading:**

Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes each night will support them to develop fluency, understanding and confidence. Please record any reading done at home in your child's reading record. Your child will bring home a phonics reading book, which will be changed when your child is able to read them fluently and with good understanding. They will also get a school library book which can be changed each week during our library time on a **Friday**.

**Maths:**

Each week, a new maths focus will be given for children to practise at home, these will include number bonds and other key number facts. Numbots is a useful tool to support this learning and should be used regularly each week.

We will have a short maths quiz each Friday morning to practise these skills. This weekly focus will be sent home every Friday in your child's orange maths arithmetic book. Please return this book to school each Friday so we can complete our quiz and send home the next maths focus.

**Spellings:**

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of words containing the sounds we have learnt in our Phonics sessions that week and some of our High Frequency Words. Our spelling test will also be on a Friday morning. These spellings will be sent home every Friday in your child's orange maths spelling book. Please return this book to school each Friday so we can complete our quiz and send home the next set of spellings.

## Phonics

In Year 1, Phonics is a main priority as we work towards the **Phonics Screening Check** in **June**.

As well as reading regularly with your child, we will keep you updated with any sounds your child would benefit from practising further at home.

Each half term, we will complete a Phonics and 'Fast Eye Word' assessment in class. This will help us identify any gaps in your child's learning. We will then send any words or sounds your child needs to practise home with you, so that you can practise these together over the following half term before we assess again.

## Equipment/Resources needed

As well as book bags, please remember to send in your child's water bottle each day. We offer children the opportunity to refill bottles when they are empty and they are able to drink throughout the day.

Our **PE days** are **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green shirt with our school badge, plain black joggers/leggings/shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie.

Please make sure that **all** clothing – cardigans, jumpers, hoodies, coats, hats etc – are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year 1 children are able to bring their scooters into school for break and lunchtimes every **Friday**. They can bring them through the gate in the morning and will store them in the scooter racks at school.

## Lunches

Our lunch time will be from 12.00pm – 1.00pm. Year 1 children receive universal free school meals. Please order these at home on **Evolve Hub** and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Children are offered a piece of fruit at morning break. They may also bring a **healthy** snack from home to eat at break time if they wish.

## Payments

We are now using a cashless system and so please use 'Arbor' for all payments to the school (including breakfast and after school club). Please contact the school office with any questions you may have.

## Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs. Crowder will be happy to help. No holidays to be taken in term time.

**Upcoming Important Dates for Year 1**

Tuesday 13th October – Year 1 to attend Mass at St Bernadette's Church.
Friday 16th October – Numbers Day
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October – Bikeability
Thursday 22nd October – Parents Evening