



# **MEETING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS**

**May 2020**

# Promoting a Catholic Ethos

- St Bernadette's is a Catholic school and was built in 1966 to serve the Catholic children of Holy Family Parish.
- The majority of children in school are Catholic children and sacramental preparation is an important part of the school year.
- A variety of assemblies are held throughout the week either with year bands coming together, key stage meetings and cross phase assemblies. Throughout this time the Christian values are taught.
- All children from Reception to year 6 celebrate Mass each term and Holy Days of obligation. Mass is often celebrated at Holy Family though every term a key stage Mass will be held in school. Foundation stage Mass is celebrated in the Summer term. This year we have introduced year band masses which are held in school every month.
- Every year the children have a themed week during which time they explore other faiths and cultures to prepare them for living in a global society.



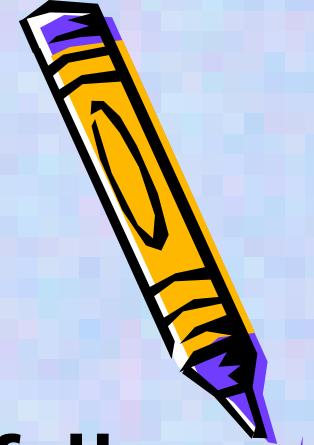
# Our Mission Statement

**At St. Bernadette's Catholic School you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.**



# Staffing Structure

- **Miss Finnegan is the Early Years Foundation Stage Co-ordinator. A full time class teacher and a full time Teaching Assistant will be based with each class. Each child will have a key worker (either the teacher or teaching assistant) who will support them through the settling in process**



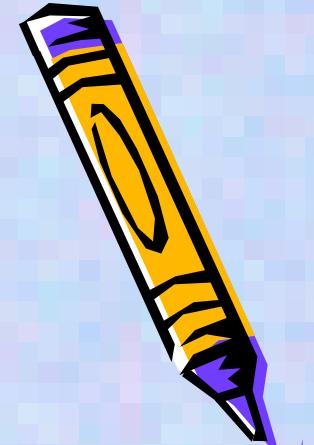
# A School Day

- **Morning session 8.45-11.45 am**
- **Break 9.30-9.45 am**
- **Lunch 11.45-1.00 pm**
- **Afternoon session 1.00-3.00 pm**
- **Break 2.00-2.15 pm**
- **Please note school closes at 2.00pm every Friday.**



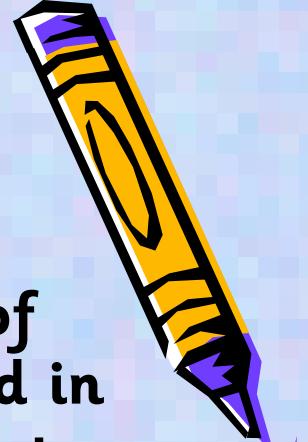
# School Uniform

- All children to wear school uniform.
- Boys will wear grey trousers, a white shirt, a grey sweatshirt and a school tie.
- Girls will wear a grey skirt, a white shirt, a grey sweatshirt or cardigan and a school tie. ( Please note no trousers.)
- We have a policy of no jewellery in school other than a watch.

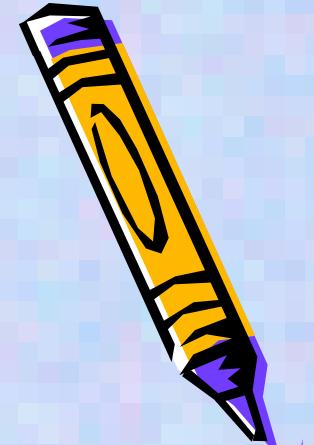


# School Rules

- Children will receive a piece of fruit and a drink of milk every day. Sweets and crisps are not allowed in school either as a snack or in the lunch box (except for Friday where children are permitted to have crisps and chocolate bars in their lunch boxes).
- Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day, no other drinks are permitted.
- All children must be collected promptly at 3.00pm by a named adult. If someone other than yourself will be collecting you should inform the class teacher on that morning.



# Home School Agreement



## The school will:

- **Keep you informed about any concerns or problems regarding your child.**
- **Provide a curriculum which meets the needs of all children ie spiritual, moral, social, academic.**



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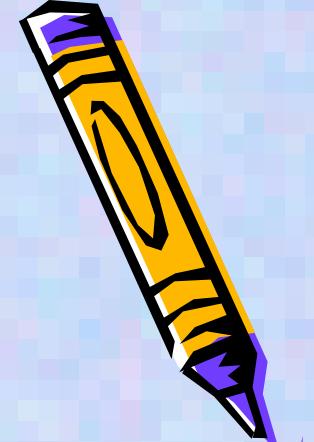
## Parents will:

- Ensure their child attends school promptly every day.
- Support the school in any disciplinary measures that are required.
- Take an active interest in your child's life at school.
- Keep the school informed of any problems or illnesses which may affect the child's work or behaviour.



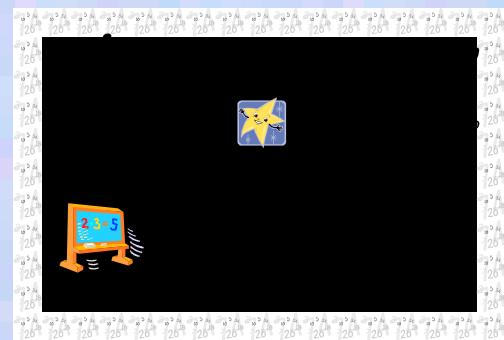
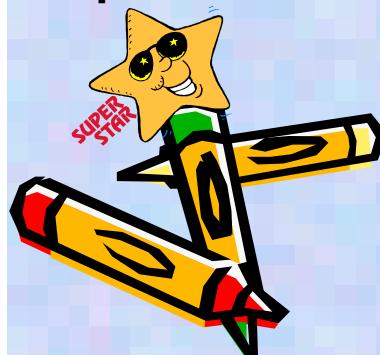
## Discipline

The discipline in school is a high priority, it reflects Christian principles and is based on mutual respect. The purpose of our school and class rules is to encourage pupils to respect themselves and their belongings and to respect other people and their belongings. Our Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy is based on a positive code of conduct and strategies are used to promote positive attitudes and values.



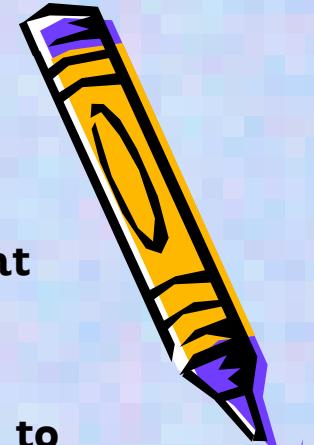
## Rewards

For good work, effort, success, helpfulness, honesty, courage and other qualities, children are praised verbally and given rewards such as stickers, stars, badges and certificates and where possible parents are informed of such praise.



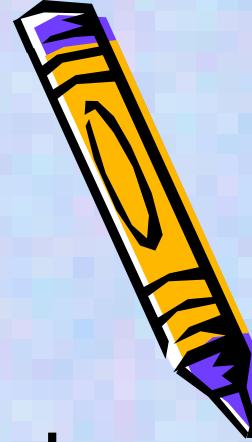
## Sanctions

- For disobeying rules, dishonesty, vandalism and other unpleasant practices, pupils will be invited to apologise to those affected. Children will be given a verbal reminder, but for more serious incidents may miss part of their play time or lunch time, be sent to another class or sent to see the head teacher or deputy head teacher. Parents may be invited into school to discuss their child's behaviour.
- For grave misconduct a pupil may be suspended from attendance at school on either a part time or full time basis. Parents are informed and this sanction is reported to the Chair of Governors and/or the Chief Education Officer.
- Parents are ultimately responsible for their child's behaviour and are expected to work with school in finding solutions to difficult behaviour. We expect all parents to sign the Home/School Agreement as a consistent approach is needed to achieve success.



# Communication with Parents

- A newsletter will be published every fortnight and will detail the diary dates for the forthcoming events.
- A parent consultation evening is held in the Autumn and Spring term and a detailed end of year report is sent to parents in the Summer term.
- An open week for parents is held in the Spring term.
- A welcome meeting in the Autumn term will inform you of the curriculum coverage for the year.



# School trips

Throughout the school year trips and visits are organised to enhance pupil experience.

Activities organised have included:-

- Farm and Zoo visits
- Visits to Museums and historical places

As the children get older:-

- Residential trips to Paris and Newcastle
- Camping to Wales
- Theatre visits
- Alton Castle Diocesan Youth Centre
- Visits to Religious places of worship

In addition to outside educational trips we have a number of visitors coming into school to provide educational workshops covering a wide range of interests.



# Thank You

**Thank you for attending this meeting.  
We hope that this meeting has been  
informative for you. Please feel free  
to ask if you are uncertain about  
anything.**

**We look forward to working in  
partnership with you.**

