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Welcome Back

We'd like to welcome everyone back to our new academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children looking smart and ready to learn and we want to make the 2018-19 the best yet.

We are looking forward to strengthening our productive partnership with you, to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 4) Completes the online homework to enhance their learning in school

We would like to welcome to the St Bernard's Family Mrs Witherspoon, who is our new learning coach in Team Reception, and Miss Walker (T6) and Mr Parsonage (T1) who are completing their teacher training with us.



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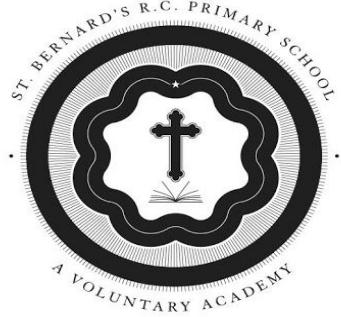


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Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are labelled. Accessories such as bows or ribbons should be appropriately sized (JoJo bows are not part of the school uniform).

Children will need to have their PE kit in school everyday as sometimes sporting opportunities may arise.

Messy clothes

We love providing our children with opportunities to be creative, and this can sometimes be messy! Please send in a bag of old clothes and trainers that your child can use for activities such as art or gardening. These can be kept in school. Please ensure they are labelled also.

Homework

Key spellings will be sent home half termly for your child to practice.

Reading should be done on a daily basis and recorded in the Reading Record. These will be sent home this Friday.

Children in Teams 1-6 are registered on Times Table Rockstars and Prodigy Maths. Login details will be sent home. It is important that they access these programmes on a weekly basis.

Team Reception children will be sent home initially with library books to share and over the coming weeks will move onto a schemed reading book. Each week the new sounds the children learn during our phonics sessions will be sent home for revision alongside the reading. Also, a login for Mathseeds, a programme covering all aspects of Maths will be shared with you.

Lunchboxes and snacks

At St Bernard's we encourage healthy eating. If you provide a snack for your child, please ensure it is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Also please make sure that lunchboxes have your child's name on them.

End of day collection

This year we have a new system for informing school if your child is to be picked up by another adult. At the classroom doors and KS2 entrance, the learning coaches will have a slip of paper that you can fill out to inform staff of who is going to be picking your child up that day. If there has to be a last minute change, please ring the school office and they will send the message to your child's class teacher.

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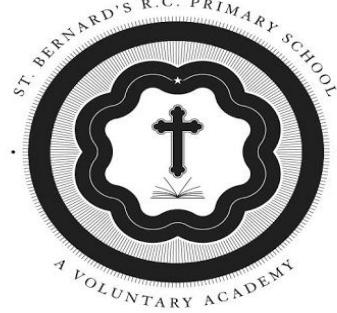


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Behaviour at St Bernard's

At the start of the new academic year, we would like to inform you about some updates to our positive behaviour policy. At St Bernard's we have 3 updated school rules:

- We **respect** the right to learn
- We **respect** the right to feel safe and be safe
- We **respect** everyone and everything

Over the coming weeks we will be embedding these rules with the children. Each Team has a recognition wall, where all staff in the school will be recognising your children for living our school rules and mission, and for the wonderful things they do. Each day it will be your child's aim to be recognised and have their picture on display.

This approach will be consistent across the school and therefore we will no longer be using the Class Dojo system. As a research-driven school, we have moved away from extrinsic rewards and instead will be using relentless praise and recognition of children's learning and behaviour. Staff are also looking forward to communicating with you the wonderful things your children are achieving on a regular basis. Over the last two days, we have already seen excellent impact of this approach, with children conducting themselves in an outstanding manner and demonstrating fantastic learning.

School will continue to celebrate learning awards on a Friday with certificates available for the children. These include merits based on learning power, reading rainbow, attendance and Pobble as well as providing an opportunity for children to share their out of school achievements. Pupil voice is important at St Bernard's and our elected Ministers for Behaviour will regularly review the impact of our approach and feedback to staff.

As always if you have any questions, do not hesitate to come in and speak to us. All school information can be found on the school website www.stbernardsrc.co.uk and updates about learning in school are published on our school Facebook page.

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