



# St Bernard's

## Spring Review 2017

*'To grow, love and learn following Jesus'*

### School Parliament

The school parliament have some very exciting news: two weeks ago we wrote letters to a number of businesses in our local area, asking for a donation of two sheds to create two fantastic outdoor reading spaces for the Infant and Junior playgrounds. We are happy to report that we have received a £200 donation from Premier Plants of Ledsham that we will use to buy two sheds. What great community spirit! Thank you Premier Plants.



### Spring whole term attendance figures

- Team R- 94.7%
- Team 1-96%
- Team 2- 96%
- Team 3- 97.1%
- Team 4- 96.1%
- Team 5- 95.7%
- Team 6- 94.3%

Whole school-**95.7%**  
School Target- **97%**

### READING RAINBOW

Congratulations to all those children who have been reading at home regularly and climbing the Reading Rainbow. So far we have awarded 90 red, 87 orange, 63 yellow and 16 green and 4 blue certificates. Thank you for your support.

### EASTER FAIR

As you read this we will be enjoying an easter fair organised by our newly formed PTA group. We hope that the great work that has already started here continues to flourish through the summer term. Thanks to all parents who have joined so far and made it such a success.

### School Information

Don't forget that you can find information about all school events, plus letters that have been sent home, on our school website [www.stbernardsrc.co.uk](http://www.stbernardsrc.co.uk). To keep up to date with your child's learning please visit their class twitter page @ReceptionStBs @TeamOneStBs @TeamTwoStBs @TeamThreeStBs @TeamFourStBs @TeamFiveStBs @TeamSixStBs

### Team 2

Team 2 have been working so hard this half term. Some of our highlights have been a visit from some birds of prey, including owls. We learnt lots of facts about them. We also loved observing how roots grow in Science. We had to use our noticing skills over a few weeks.

We are really looking forward to finding more out about birds through our 'Singing for Songbirds' project over the next term.



At the beginning of this half term, all the classes at St Bernard's Primary School visited Chester Zoo to kick start our 'Sing for Songbirds' project. We had an amazing time learning about songbirds both here and in South East Asia. The children took part in activities such as bird spotting, making a bird feeder and identifying bird sounds.



All the children's learning will be celebrated on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May with 2 open days in our school hall, where all their amazing work will be showcased.

## ATTENDANCE SPRING TERM 2017

Currently this term 115 children have an attendance figure of 97% and above. We have 60 pupils who have a 100% attendance- A huge well done to all those children and their families.

We have an end of year target of 97% for the school - please support us in reaching this goal by ensuring your child is in school everyday possible and avoiding holidays in term time.

### **Punctuality- Every Minute Counts**

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of getting your child to school on time.

Doors open at **8:45am** and children need to be in class no later than **9am** for registration and the start of first lesson.

### **Parent Pay**

We are now using Parent Pay- our online payment system. A leaflet will be sent home about how to sign up for and use this service.



Thank you for all your generous donation for Red Nose Day 2017. We raised a grand total of **£441.58** for this extremely worthwhile cause.

## Team Reception

This term Team Reception have had an amazing opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a chicken. We have observed some chicks hatching from eggs in our classroom and learnt how to take care of them. The children loved holding and caring for the chicks.

## Team Three

Team Three enjoyed celebrating Science Week. We conducted several experiments focusing on Observations over time. Our favourite was watching the Skittles make a rainbow.



## Team Six

This has been a very busy term for Team 6; they have worked very hard and remained focussed throughout. A welcome break from the hard work was Science Week. They really enjoyed carrying out various experiments including making lava lamps by investigating what happens when they mix oil, water and food colouring with a secret ingredient and investigating whether toast really does always land on the buttered side. The results sparked discussion as to why it happens and even though they discovered that toast doesn't always land on the buttered side, they were still convinced that it does!

## Team One

In Team one we have been lucky enough to have an extra teacher called Miss Sands working with us whilst doing her teacher training. She has been teaching us all about different locations through geography and we have been learning all about where our book character is from. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her in our class and wish her all the best in Team 2! We are in full swing for with our songbird topic and have been busy making beautiful bird crests. We had a competition for the most beautiful crests and three lucky children received a well deserved Easter treat! We are all winners though and Miss Hankinson made sure we all shared some treats! We have been excited to do lots of dance related to our literacy text 'Feathers for Phoebe' and have produced some beautiful writing from our love of the book. We look forward to the summer term and lots more exciting songbird activities!

## Team Four

Team 4 worked really hard on their class assembly showcasing their amazing work around the King Kong novel by Anthony Browne. The children's enthusiasm was evident and they should be proud of their focus on the project. The children's swimming lessons have been a great success and their skills have improved greatly this term. Well done Team 4!



## Team 5

This term Team 5 have been reading 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. We have been writing our own stories and using model verbs, adverbs, higher level punctuation, up levelling and redrafting our own work to become better learners.

We also had a fantastic trip to Conway! The children had such an amazing time and were praised by members of staff at Conway for their outstanding behaviour. Well done Team 5!

### HOLY WEEK

This last week has been a special time for us to reflect on the events that lead us into Easter. The children have created some thoughtful and impactful work that has shown their understanding of this important time.

Alongside our prayer stations and work in class, the children have really helped us during their assemblies. Team 3 led us through Palm Sunday, Team 2 introduced the Last Supper and T4 and 5 gave us a really thoughtful assembly as they took us through the events of Good Friday. We hope that they will share with you all that we have done.



## Easter Services

Fr Niall would love to see all families at church over the Easter weekend.

*You would be most welcome at any of our local parishes but services close by are detailed below.*

### Holy Thursday

St Mary's 7pm  
Our Lady's 7.30pm

### Good Friday

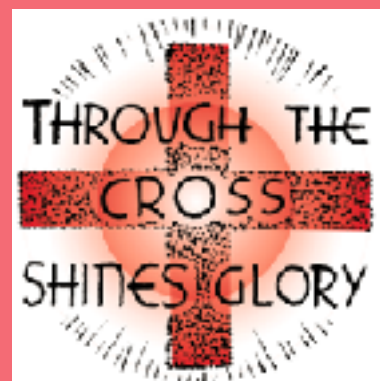
Our Lady's Liturgy of the Passion 3pm  
Our Lady's Stations of the cross 7pm

### Easter Saturday

Our Lady's Easter Vigil 8.30pm

### Easter Sunday

St Bernard's - Easter  
Mass 9am  
Our Lady's Easter  
Mass 11am



## Message from the principal

Dear parents,

We have been so proud of all our pupils this term and both myself, Mr Jevons & Miss Reid have been wowed by the enthusiasm, perseverance and creativity of your children. They have achieved so much in a short space of time and I'm sure they will build on this in the summer term.

Our projects with Chester Zoo have been really exciting this term and we look forward to sharing with you more in the summer. The children have been doing some superb work as part of their "Singing for Songbirds" project. I'm sure you will agree when you see the final product and presentation of their work.

Feedback from parents evening was really positive so we thank you for your time to complete the forms. There were a few areas that you felt we could improve but in the main people seemed happy with what we were doing. As always, if you do have any feedback for us to improve what we do then please let myself or Mr Jevons know.

I hope that everyone is able to take a break over Easter and spend some time with the family. There are a range of services in church from Thursday onwards and I know Fr Niall would love to see you there.

Thanks again for all your support and see you back again on Tuesday 18th April.

Mr Moor

