

NEW PARISH PRIEST

We are delighted to say that Fr Edmund has been to school to meet us all. He enjoyed visiting the classrooms and chatting to the children. The belated Y4 and current Y3 First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion will be arranged soon. We will let you know more as soon as we can.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

During the week commencing 11th October, we will be holding our start of term parent teacher meetings. **These will take place by telephone.** The purpose of this meeting is to talk briefly about how your child has initially settled back to school and into their new class. Class teachers will phone at the arranged time. Please be ready for the call and note that it may come up on your phone as 'number unknown' or 'no caller ID'. As the year goes on, we are hoping to be able to offer a face to face meeting for parents and teachers.

RECEPTION

Our Team Reception children are now in full time and they have all made a wonderful start to life at St Bernard's. It is wonderful to see their smiley faces and keenness to learn.



St Bernard's NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Thank you so much for the lovely, warm welcome you have given to me as Head of School. St Bernard's really is a wonderful school where faith, values, learning and creativity come together as one.

On behalf of the team at St Bernard's, thank you to all families for a really successful transition into the new academic year. The children have settled into their new classes and we are really proud of them. There is a really strong home - school relationship here at St Bernard's which is essential in order for your children to thrive. We are absolutely committed to working with you to achieve our vision of excellence in all we do. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Le Feuvre

SAFETY

As the term progresses, the safety of everyone in our school community remains a key priority. Our stringent risk assessment continues to constantly be reviewed in relation to guidance received regarding Covid-19. As the colder months approach we will continue to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, with plenty of tissues available in each classroom for the children to use.



PARENT-PAY

WE ARE GOING CASHLESS!

Thank you so much to all those parents that have signed up to ParentPay and are using them to pre-order lunches. This can be completed on a daily or weekly basis and up to two weeks in advance. All menus will be uploaded on Parentpay on a three week rota. Parents please note, if your child is in Reception, Team 1 or Team 2 you will not be charged for any pre ordered meals. Parents with children in Teams 3 and above will be required to pay for any meals ordered immediately upon confirmation of your meal choices. If you do wish to choose your child's daily school meal, you must have completed this on ParentPay by 8am on that day. If you have not yet set up your child's ParentPay account, you can get your log on details from the school office by calling 0151 355 2047.

UNIFORM & PE

We expect all children to wear full school uniform. On PE days, children will be allowed to come in school PE kit to prevent the need for changing spaces. Please ensure that this clothing is practical and sensible, including appropriate footwear such as trainers and jogging bottoms and sweatshirt if the weather is cold. Here is the [PE kit letter](#).

PARISH OF ELLESMERE PORT & HOOTON JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Now meeting every Wednesday in St Mary's Stanley Hall from 6.45pm to 8.00pm, all children in Year 3 and above are welcome, please spread the word to our young people, fun activities and refreshments supplied by our enthusiastic Youth team is guaranteed!

WATER BOTTLES



The medical profession has been telling us for years that children do not drink enough water during the school day. Children will achieve more when both their health and learning needs are met. Ensuring access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital role for schools in promoting health and providing a healthy learning environment. A reminder that bottles are to be used for water only and not juice. Thank you for your support with this.

READING

Thank you to everyone who has been reading with their child at home every day. It makes a huge difference to their reading progress. A reminder that book bags/reading records only need to be brought into school on a **Friday**. Books will be changed and the number of reads done at home will be recorded for the Reading Rainbow.



PTA

Come and be part of the fantastic team of parents and family members at St Bernard's Primary School. The main role of the PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and the local community, in support of the children. This can include recruiting and coordinating volunteers and organising fundraising events. It provides parents and teachers with the opportunity to exchange views, work together and to develop mutual trust and confidence. In a world where everyone's time is precious, joining a PTA can be a daunting prospect. But anyone can get involved, even if you only have a small amount of time available. This year, all funds raised will go towards new playground equipment. If you would like to join the PTA then please visit our Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2477280365684118/>



ATTENDANCE Matters!

TEAM	PERCENTAGE
R	95%
1	95%
2	94%
3	97%
4	97%
5	95%
6	96%

This year, with your help, we are going to ensure that our pupil attendance is the best it has ever been. Every half term there will be a special surprise for the class who have the highest attendance.



PARENT COFFEE AND CAKE CATCH UP



Please drop by the school hall on Tuesday 12th October at 9am for some coffee, cake and a catch up about what is happening at St B's.

So much has been happening in St B's !

