

# ST BERNARD'S NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2022



Our final half term of the school year has arrived! We hope you all enjoyed a well deserved half-term break with all the Jubilee celebrations. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Jubilee picnic.

Well done to Teams 6 and 2 who have completed their SATs. We are beyond proud of the progress the children have made across the school. We have much to look forward to over the next few weeks; it certainly promises to be busy! Please do refer to the 'Key Dates' information on our website.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Julie Le Feuvre

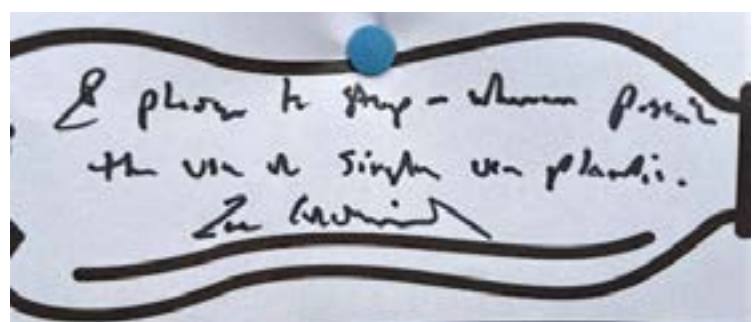


## MP at the Zoo

As we embark on our 'Love it for Longer' whole school project, some children from Teams 5 and 6 took part in a presentation at Chester Zoo. Not only did we present to the public but also to the MP Zac Goldsmith (The Minister for Pacific and the Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). He spoke to the children about the problem with plastics. They talked passionately and even quizzed him on how long plastics take to decompose. He even made a plastic pledge.



A huge thank you to Laurie Smith (Director of Music at HFCMAT) for working with our children to produce this amazing song. [Be Brave, Be Strong](#)



## Team 3 Assembly Queens Platinum Jubilee



Team 3 shared a wonderful assembly about the Jubilee. The children really got into character. We learnt about the commitment and promises that the Queen made to her people and to God.

## Everyone's Welcome Event

Last week all the children in the school celebrated their learning when we held an exhibition. We invited parents/carers to the event to see their work around social justice. In 2018, the school co-created a play called *Adrift* with Action Transport Theatre.

With this play as a catalyst, the school designed a whole school project around the plight of refugees. Children learn about reasons for migration and through beautiful texts such as *Wisp: A Story of Hope* and *The Day the War Came*, are able to explore the effects of displacement on refugees. The work is also closely linked to the UN Rights of a Child.



## Attendance & Punctuality

Team 2 had the highest attendance last half term with 95.4%. They enjoyed a doughnut treat! Our whole school figure for the year to date is 94.5%, which is below our target of at least 96%. We still have far too many children with below 90% attendance. We will continue to tackle this in the coming half term.

## Competition

We have entered the National Schools Partnership 'Message in a Bottle Top' competition. Thank you to everyone who collected bottle tops and to Miss Foy and the children for creating this amazing piece of recycled art



## First Holy Communion

Some of team 3 and 4 children are receiving Jesus for the first time this Saturday. We hope you all have a wonderful day with your families and loved ones and we will keep you in our prayers.



Fingers crossed, the sun will be shining for Summer 2! When the weather is particularly sunny, you may wish to send your child in with a sun hat, ensure they have a water bottle (containing water-no fruit juice), and you may want to apply sun cream in the morning. We cannot apply sunscreen to children.

I would like to share the guidance for parents who are requesting a term-time leave of absence:

- Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Any application will need to include a letter detailing your exceptional circumstances.
- Should the request not be granted, time taken will be classed as unauthorised absence.

**Please consider this guidance prior to making any such term-time leave of absence requests.**