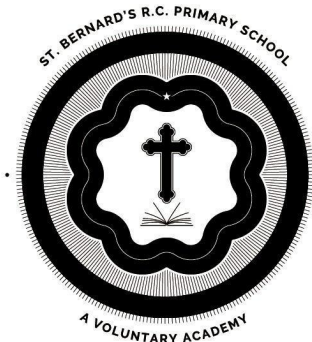


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30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Easter 2021 & parental feedback

Dear parents and guardians,

As we approach the special time of Easter, on behalf of all staff I'd like to thank you for your continued support throughout the spring term. Despite all of the challenges we have faced, the term has been highly successful. We know this due to how well the children worked during lockdown, whether in school or at home, and more recently, from the brilliant way they returned on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The way the children have readjusted to school life has been incredible and all staff are proud of them for the learning they are producing. Every child of St Bernard's is unique, special and a joy to teach. We are seeing promising progress and we really want to build on this in the summer term, enabling all children to be ready and prepared for their next year group or stage in learning.

I'd like to thank parents for following our safety rules whilst on site. As long as government restrictions are in place, please continue to support us with this to reduce the risk of infection and potential class or wider closures. Please do not arrive at school to drop off or collect your child too early and please continue to keep your distance from others.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to our wonderful staff team. The care and love they show for the children of St Bernard's is wonderful. As a team, they have worked exceptionally hard in uncharted territory and were desperate to have all of their classes back in school. The laughter and joy staff and children continue to share around the school over the last few weeks has been heart warming and we are very much looking forward to the day when parents can come back in the building to share this with us.

Since full opening, our overall school attendance has been really pleasing with our average figure being over 97%. I hope we build on this further next term as every lesson is crucially important for your child's progress. I have noted that punctuality is an area in need of improvement for a number of families. Please ensure your child comes to school on time so that your child doesn't miss the start of their lessons.

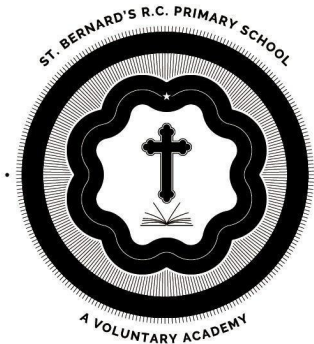
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As you'll be aware, your feedback is always important to enable the school to continuously improve. I'd appreciate it if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete the online questionnaire below. I'll share some of the feedback from this in our April newsletter when the children return. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw for some Easter treats!

[Parental questionnaire – spring 2021](#)

Easter is a wonderful time for our school community to reflect. Over the last week, all children have explored our Easter trail, thinking about Jesus' final days. As a Catholic community, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and we all look forward to rejoicing and celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday. I hope all families enjoy some relaxing time together over the break – you all certainly deserve it!

### Reading

Please make sure that you continue to read with your child over the Easter break. Reading is so important and is the key to unlocking success in all areas of the school curriculum. Why not sign up for free at <https://www.getepic.com/> to get access to hundreds of books online.

Mass

For information on services over the Easter period please visit <https://rcchep.co.uk/masses.php>

Stay safe and happy Easter to you all,

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