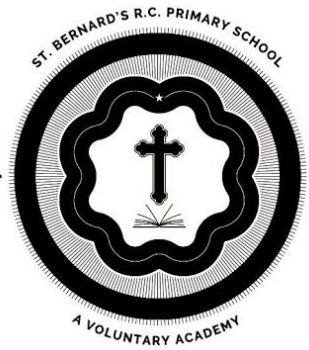


Our Vision:
EXCELLENCE
IN ALL WE DO



Our Mission:
TO GROW,
LOVE AND LEARN
FOLLOWING JESUS

Friday 6th September

Dear parents / guardians

I hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and time together as a family. Welcome back to our new school year and it has been fantastic to see the children returning today refreshed and ready to learn. Thank you for all of your support last academic year and we hope to continue to strengthen our home / school positive partnership in 2019-20.

As you will already be aware, we warmly welcome our two new teachers to the school, Miss Finnerty in Team 2 and Miss Carey in Team 5. We also welcome our trainee teachers, Miss Wells in Team 3 and Miss Inglis in Team 4. They are wonderful additions to our teaching team and all staff are looking forward to meeting parents at our 'meet the teacher' events coming soon. At St Bernard's we have an outstanding curriculum that enables your children to thrive and 'find their voice'. There were many occasions last academic year where parents and guardians joined us for events related to our curriculum. We would love to build on this success and increase the opportunities for parents to celebrate the exceptional learning that your children produce. More information will be provided as the year progresses.

Reading

We were delighted with the amount of children moving up on our reading rainbow last year. Please continue to promote reading as much as possible at home, ensuring your child's reading record book is updated. Strengthening our culture and love for reading will be a key focus of our school development plan this academic year.

Coffee mornings

Each month myself and Miss Reid will be holding a coffee morning, where we will be updating the community on key aspects of school. We would warmly welcome as many parents / guardians to attend as possible. Dates for coffee mornings as well as key dates for the Autumn term are attached at the bottom of this letter.

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Uniform

The children have returned looking smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that this standard remains consistently high throughout the school year and you are aware that trainers are not permitted in school.

Attendance

The overwhelming majority of children had excellent attendance last year, with many very rarely missing a day of school. Our target remains at 96% - I would like to stress the importance of high attendance and the positive impact it has on your child's development and progress. Holidays in term time will not be authorised. Attendance will continue to be closely monitored on a daily basis and the school will continue to work closely with the Educational Welfare Service.

Continuous improvement

As an organisation we are always striving to continuously improve. Parental feedback is essential and we would warmly welcome any feedback or celebration of the work the school does. Our door is always open and we know that positive partnerships enhance change.

I'm looking forward to catching up with the community in the coming days and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Jevons

KEY DATES

Tuesday 10th Sept	Meet the Teacher T1-6 @ 3.00pm
Wednesday 11th Sept	T5 & 6 Gardening
Thursday 12th Sept	Whole School Welcome Mass - Lead by Team 4
Thursday 12th Sept	Meet the Teacher T1-6 @ 3.00pm
Wednesday 18th Sept	Parliament Assembly and Workshops T3-6
Friday 20th Sept	Parent Coffee Morning 9am
Wednesday 25th Sept	Workshop for TR parents @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 25th Sept	Team 3 Class assembly 9.00 am

Wednesday 25th Sept	T3 & 4 Gardening
Thursday 26th Sept	European Day of Languages
Monday 30th Sept	Individual Photographs
Thursday 3rd October	Cross Country Festival Y3456
Monday 7th October	Year 1 and 2 Mini Kickers Competition
Wednesday 9th Oct	Team 1 Class Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 9th Oct	T1 & 2 Gardening
Thursday 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day- Children wear yellow to school.
Friday 11th Oct	Fiesta Nacional de España 2019
Tuesday 15th Oct	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th Oct	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th October	Tag Rugby Level 2 Competition
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Harvest Breakfast KS1
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Share the Learning TR @ 2.30pm
Weds 23rd Oct	Team 6 Class assembly 9.00am
Weds 23rd Oct	TR Gardening
Thursday 24th Oct	Parent Coffee Morning 9am
Thursday 24th October	Quicksticks Competition