## St Bernard's

# **NEWSLETTER**



## February 2022

### What a busy 7 weeks we have had here at St Bernard's!

Many staff and pupils have had COVID related absences this half term. Despite disruptions to staffing we have remained open in full with pupils isolating and receiving remote learning from their class teachers. We are blessed with a committed, flexible, hard working staff at St Bernard's who work tirelessly for our children.

It is lovely to see pupils enjoying school, participating in after school clubs and going on trips. I am hopeful that as restrictions ease we can return to having whole school assemblies and begin to engage more with you as a community.

Have a wonderful half term holiday with your families. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs Le Feuvre



#### COVID 19

Please click on the link below for the most up to date advice on self-isolation and LFD testing. Please do continue to be vigilant and follow the guidance; Self-isolation and treating coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms .

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

## **First Forgiveness and Holy Communion**

Last term some children in teams 3 and 4 received the sacrament of First Forgiveness. They are continuing the sacramental programme and will make their First Holy Communion in the summer. Children need to be baptised Catholic to take part in the sacramental programme. If your child is not yet baptised or has been baptised in a Non-Catholic Church, but you would like them to take part, then please contact either me or Fr Edmund.



#### **FAREWELL**

It is with sadness I am informing you that Mrs Betts will be leaving us at half term. We are extremely grateful for everything she has done for our children during her time here. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

#### **SPORTS TASTER DAYS**

This half term we had Progressive Sports working with all our classes. TR,1 & 2 enjoyed multi skills sessions, whilst T3-6 learnt how to play Tri-Golf and Korfball.







#### PE

On PE days, children are able to come into school in their PE kit. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct school PE kit.

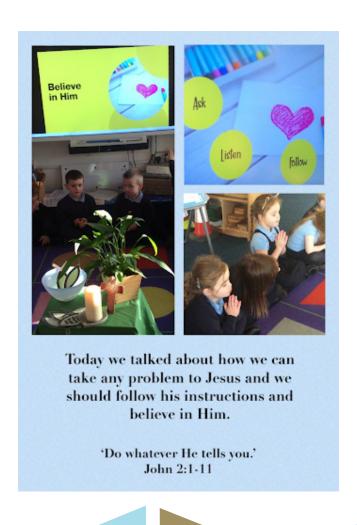
#### DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of parents and carers bringing dogs onto the playground at the end of the day. Whilst it is lovely to see how much the children care for their pets they should not be on the playground at any time. If you are bringing your dog to school at home time please wait outside the school gates, thank you.

#### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT ST BERNARD'S**

Across the school we have been engaged in prayer and reflecting on how we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus.





#### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL!

We are working to become a Unicef UK Bronze Rights Respecting School!

We aim to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.



Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Recently, we have been learning about the importance of play, rest and education. For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: **www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa** 



It is vitally important that your child attends school every day, this will ensure they have the best possible chance to succeed. Unfortunately, we are not reaching our attendance target of 96%+. As you are aware, improving attendance is a key priority for the school. We have put in place a rigorous system to monitor attendance and if your child's attendance is causing us concern we shall be contacting you to discuss this. Please support your child's education by ensuring they are in school every day.

REMINDER – HOLIDAYS ARE NOT AUTHORISED DURING TERM TIME.

### A huge congratulations to...

Team Reception who have won this half term attendance treat. Their attendance was 96.9%. They enjoyed a movie-time treat with biscuits and juice.

Team	% Attendance so far this year
Reception	94
1	95
2	94
3	96
4	95
5	94
6	94





#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Operate Monday to friday during term time

#### **Breakfast Club:**

- Open from 7.45am
- · Located in the school hall
- Children are offered a selection of breakfast items
- Cost £4 per session

#### **Fun Club:**

• Cost £5 until 4.15pm and £7.50 until 5.30pm

All payments are made in advance via ParentPay To book onto club please contact Mrs Chattle.

