

ST BERNARD'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

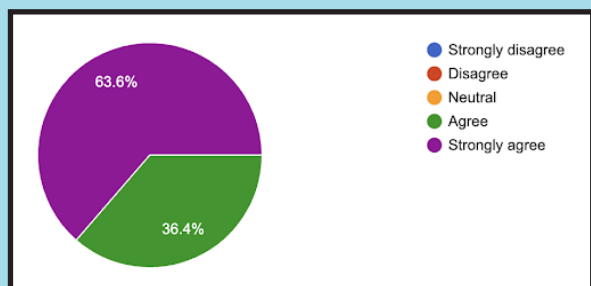
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PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who took time to complete the parent survey recently emailed. The response to the first statement is especially pleasing as we strive for happy pupils at St Bernard's:

1. My child is happy at this school.



I will give more details in September but here is a small selection of your comments:

"Fantastic school with brilliant staff."

"My kids are very happy at St Bernard's."

"Great school with caring teachers."

"This school stands out from the rest."

"A lovely school."



Here we are at the end of a most rewarding and challenging school year. So many of our community have continued to be affected by COVID. It has been wonderful though to get some of our normal school events back: just look at our Twitter page to see the many sporting events, school trips, residential and PTA events our children are fortunate to experience.

We had an emotional leavers assembly for our Team 6. It was a delight to watch them and reflect on their achievements this year and all their primary years. This reflection continued this morning at a mass celebrated by Father Damien, where we gave thanks for the school year and wished our Team 6 all the very best at High School.

I want to thank you for your continued support this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here, and St Bernard's certainly is a special place where all our pupils grow, love and learn following Jesus.

Have a wonderful summer-let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Julie Le Feuvre

ATTENDANCE

Huge congratulations to Team 4 who have had the highest attendance this half term at 93.8%. Team 4 will enjoy a special chilled treat tomorrow!

Our whole school attendance this year is **94%**. As highlighted throughout the year the expectation is to achieve at least 96% so we are still off that target. We also continue to have too many children with attendance below 90%.

We are always keen to work with you to ensure your child attends school daily and does not miss out on any of their learning. Attendance and punctuality will continue to be a school priority next year.

HFCMAT Art's Festival

We were very proud to display work as part of the HFCMAT Art's Festival. The work was displayed at Rockpoint Records alongside work from some of the other schools in our MAT.



TEAM 6 RESIDENTIAL

Team 6 had a fabulous time in Anglesey last week. They enjoyed their activities and time together. Many children challenged themselves and were incredibly proud of their achievements. Thank you to Miss Carey, Miss Foy, Mr Day and Miss Reid for looking after them and giving up their own free time.



Heartstone Book Odyssey Festival

Some of our superstar children from T5 attended the Heartstone Book Odyssey Festival alongside the brilliant Year 8 students from St Mary's College. They all did us proud sharing their work on racism, prejudice and equality.



Chester Zoo Awards

Congratulations to all our staff, children and families for being recognised for our commitment to conservation at the Chester Zoo conservation awards.



Miss Reid's work on conservation, with many schools over the years, was also recognised and she received an "**Outstanding Conservation Educator**" award.

School Games Gold Award

For the 4th year, we are delighted to be awarded with the School Games Gold award. A huge thanks to Mrs Radford and Mrs Morgan for their dedication and organisational skills!



Eco-Warriors

Our wonderful army of eco-warriors helped pick up litter around our school and the surrounding streets.



Water safety during the summer holidays – Respect the Water

Cheshire West and Chester Council is asking all schools to share important water safety messages to keep children safe across the borough in this period of extreme heat and throughout the summer holidays.

Across the UK many people lose these lives each year in coastal and inland waters. We believe many of these deaths would be preventable if more people knew about the dangers and what to do in an emergency should they or someone else find themselves in danger in the water.

To look after yourself and your family:

While it can be tempting to enter the water, be aware that sudden immersion can lead to Cold Water Shock that can affect even the strongest swimmers.

If you get into trouble in the water, Float to Live. Lean back and use your arms and legs to help you float, then get control of your breathing before calling for help or swimming to safety.

If you see someone else in trouble in the water, call 999 or 112. If you are at the coast ask for the coastguard, if you are inland, ask for the fire and rescue service. You may have seen the 'Float to Live' ads on TV lately. They are part of the **#RespectTheWater** campaign from the National Water Safety Forum.

UNICEF SHOESHARE

Unicef and Clarks have worked in partnership since 2008 to help keep children safe. In that time, Clarks have contributed to transforming children's lives through ShoeShare, gathering old shoes at collection points in more than 500 Clarks stores across the UK. To date, the partnership has raised an incredible £1 million. To support children across the world and help them access their right to education (Article 28), we will be hosting a ShoeShare collection.



All you need to do is bring your child's old school shoes into school (or your child can change into other shoes and leave them at the end of the day) tomorrow. We will then deliver all of the shoes we have collected to our nearest Clarks store. The more shoes you bring in, the more money we can raise for Unicef, helping children around the world to be able to access education.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS
Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE
Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM
One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE
Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA
Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA
Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES
Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE
Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!
M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

Summer events at Neston Library

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Every Saturday from 16 July to 27 August – Lego challenge, treasure hunt and crafts

Tuesday 26 July, 10.30am: Mama G
Join everyone's favourite pantomime dame for stories and fun. Mama G will be exploring this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, Gadgeteers, as well as sharing some of her most popular characters. Book via the library.

Thursday 28 July, 10.30am – 12pm: Digital Gadgets
Come and have a go at 3D printing and other digital fun. Book via the library.

Tuesday 2 August, 9.30 – 11am: Let's Play
Forest school for the little Gadgeteers (U4), led by Neston Children's Centre. Book via the library.

Wednesday 3 August, 10.30am: Fun Science
Meet Wacky Jackie and her amazing scientific gadgets. Gasp and giggle at amazing fun science experiments and perhaps take part yourself. Book via the library or [online](#).

Friday 5 August, 10.30am: Noodle Performance
Dance and performing arts with a special Gadgeteers theme! Get moving with dance sessions from Noodle. For children aged 7-11. Book via the library or [online](#).

Tuesday 9 August, 12.30 – 1pm and 1.15 – 1.45pm: Police Gadgets
Join PCSO Eric Harwood and the gadgets he uses in his police work. Book via the Library.

Call Neston library on 0151 337 4670

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