



St Bernard's



NEWSLETTER

December 2021

The end of term is here at last. What a long and busy term this has been – it is clear that the children are tired after working so incredibly hard in all aspects of school life and are ready for their break. So much high quality learning has taken place and it has been wonderful that the children have been able to participate in after school clubs and sporting events. I am sure that you will join me in thanking all the wonderful staff for their commitment, enthusiasm and flexibility.

During Advent we have lit the candles of hope, love and joy. The children have thought about the positive changes that they can make in preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Thank you so much to all parents for your support this term. On behalf of staff and governors, I wish you all the happiest of Christmases and hope you manage to enjoy the peace and blessings of spending time with loved ones during this very special season.

Mrs Le Feuvre



Times Table Rockstars

These Times Table Rockstars are legends, they've successfully managed to get their Times Tables times to under 3 seconds, with 2 managing to answer questions in under a second! Wow! Well done to them all!



Elf Run

Thank you to everybody who sponsored their child to take part in this run. The children loved running with Santa and even got to keep their elf hats. The event raised money for 'The Hospice of the Good Shepherd'. The hospice has helped thousands of people, and their families, living with life limiting illness.



Teams 4 U Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to all the families who have created shoeboxes or donated items to go in them. Our shoeboxes will be going to Moldova, Ukraine, Romania and Belarus. We are so happy we will put a smile on children's faces this Christmas.



Mrs Knowles

It is with great sadness that I am letting you know that Mrs Knowles will be leaving St Bernard's on the 6th January. She has worked here since 2009 and I know that she will be missed by the pupils and staff. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.



SVP Donations

Thank you to all the families, children and teachers at school who donated groceries to Our Lady's and St Benard's SVP. These will be distributed to families in need within the Parish. Your support is very much appreciated and does make a difference to many families.



First Forgiveness

Thank you to all the children and families who attended the First Forgiveness service this week. We are very proud of all our children. Thank you to Miss Worthington for all her work in preparing the children for this event.

Reading Rocketeers



Your Reading Rocketeers need you! Can you help us to make a book cover display in our school library? All you need to do is design a front cover poster of your favourite book! Make sure to include the title, author and illustrator. Please pass your design to your Reading Rocketeers in Team 5 or Team 6 by January 5th. Winners will be chosen and revealed on January 7th. Have fun!
#weloverreading

Our Lady Star of The Sea Catholic Church

St Bernard's were delighted to be asked to collaborate with Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School on an art project for the church with a mission to brighten up the church and bring the schools together. Please try and visit the church to see the children's art over the Christmas break. It is lovely to see the schools coming together and the art really does bring colour and joy to the church during ADVENT.



Attendance

Huge congratulations to our children and families who have enjoyed excellent attendance and we hope this continues into 2022. Every day in school counts, even more so given the amount of time children have missed over the last couple of academic years.

Unfortunately, we are not reaching our attendance target of 96%+. As you are aware, improving attendance is a key priority for the school. Please remember that any family holidays planned for spring or summer term time will not be authorised and could result in fixed penalty notices being served by Cheshire West and Chester.

Number of children achieving:
 100% attendance this term - 36 received a Gold Attendance Certificate
 98% attendance this term - 36 received a Silver Attendance Certificate
 96% attendance this term - 27 received a Bronze Attendance Certificate
 Half termly attendance winners

Team 3 are this half termly winners! They were treated to a special breakfast treat.



COVID

We will notify you via the school website should there be any further COVID updates before school returns.

TEAM	% Attendance this year so far...
R	92.7%
1	94.9%
2	93%
3	96.1%
4	95.2%
5	94.1%
6	94.1%



CHRISTMAS MASSES

ELLESMERE PORT AND HOOTON 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

St Saviour
Our Lady Star of the Sea
St Mary of the Angels

Friday 24 December

5pm
6pm
8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Mary of the Angels
Our Lady Star of the Sea
St Saviour
Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saturday 25 December

9am
9am
11am
11am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

St Mary of the Angels
Our Lady Star of the Sea
St Saviour
Our Lady Star of the Sea

Sunday 26 December

9am
9am
11am
11am