BONNIES BULLETIN

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Happy New Year from all at St Boniface's! Thank you for sending your children back to school with enthusiasm and so ready to learn.

This is our first chance to say properly that we hope you had a happy and peaceful festive season and to thank you for your incredible support for our Christmas events and services in December. we were really proud to share such precious times. Plus, it was very special to involve local groups such as the Willows Nursing Home and to hold our annual School Christmas Fair. We estimate that throughout the course of the autumn term hundreds of family, friends and community members attended school services and advent-time events, for which support we are extremely grateful. We are always very happy to welcome you into our school to celebrate with us.

The spring term is shorter than autumn and summer, but we still aim to fit in as many great learning opportunities for your children as at any other time, and also continue to involve families in school life as much as possible, with class assemblies, the launch of our Eco-Refill Shop, STEM and e safety week and Book Week. We will be hosting a book fair which will support our reading provision and we are hoping to have a famous author to come into school to work with us for a day. Other events will include a Valentine's disco this half term and an Easter Egg Hunt in the second half term.

There are lots of opportunities for you to get involved with the Catholic life of the school as well by attending our celebrations of the word and masses. Each class has held a stay and pray during the autumn term and will be doing so again this spring term. It would be wonderful to see even more of you there. The children are very proud of how they are able to lead their worship and would love to share this in person with you. Please check the class pages to find out when your child's stay and pray is.

For this term's school focus, we are looking at Aspiration (a key element of our mission statement) and our values; love, honesty, community, faith, respect and value. We are very keen to encourage all our children to live our these values and put into practice our catholic social teaching through our charitable works as well. Please support all the initiatives that your children lead.

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ATTENDANCE

Please could you ensure your child arrives to school on time. Some children can feel anxious about going into class late, meaning that they are not ready for the day of learning. They are also missing crucial part of their education as lessons start promptly at 9am daily.

We have also noticed that there has been a decline in attendance recently. We understand at this time of year there are more illnesses. At times it is sufficient to give your child Calpol and send them to school.

If your child's attendance is below 90% we will ask for you to provide medical evidence.

Termly, you will be sent a letter informing you of your child's attendance as part of our attendance policies and procedures. If your child's attendance is a concern we will invite you in to discuss your child's attendance with the Education Welfare Officer.

Holidays in term will not be authorised and will be subject to a fine from Salford City Council.

If your child has 5 days of unauthorised absences, this is also subject to a truancy fine from Salford City Council.

Please may I remind you that when reporting absences you should use the number 0161 566 7612 and select option 1 .

It is parents/carers responsibility to inform school when you're child is absent.

Please contact Miss Campbell via info@stbonifacesalford.co.uk or complete a form in the office reception if you would like to discuss your child attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation.





ECO-REFILL SHOP

The All-New St Boniface's Primary School Eco-Refill Shop:
We are excited to announce the Laudato Si Groups' new eco-venture- The Eco- refill shop.

What is an Eco-Refill Shop?
It is a way of selling detergents without the plastic bottles, where customers bring their own containers to be refilled with quality wash products.

Where do we come in?
On January 26th, we will be launching our own school Eco-Refill Shop, led by the Laudato Si group, to help our community to be even more sustainable. The one main aim of the refill shop is to reduce the amount of single-use plastics by encouraging the refilling of household bottles, but at the same time provide our families and friends with high quality cleaning products for body and home.

What's wrong with recycling plastic?
Unfortunately, despite best efforts, plastic recycling is not very effective; a great number of plastic bottles, even those sent for recycling, end up as land-fill, litter or are burnt, because recycling facilities can't keep up with the demand. Each of these options is very damaging to the environment, and so is making new plastic bottles, which uses large amounts of carbon, warming the earth and contributing to the increasingly strange – often devastating – weather patterns and high rainfall that we now see. The idea, then, is simple: let's re-use the plastic bottles that already exist! The products we'll be selling are: hand wash, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, washing-up liquid and laundry liquids. All the products are UK made, ethically sourced, cruelty free, vegan, paraben and SLS free and sustainable. They are of a high quality – the same as on the high street from companies such as Lush, Body Shop & Ecover – and come direct from the manufacturer, keeping costs low. It is not for profit (bar a small amount to cover costs) and is all run by the children – marketing, stock and serving you in our monthly pop-up shop.



Can't you buy these things more cheaply elsewhere?
Honestly, yes, poorer quality versions of these products can be bought a little more cheaply from budget supermarkets, but products of this quality cannot be bought anywhere more cheaply than the price we sell for, and of course, costs are kept down because you bring your own container.
(e.g. costs for 250ml: shower gel = £2.00; hand wash = £1.50; washing-up liquid = £1.00)



How will it work?
The shop will be open on the last Monday afternoon of each month (unless stated otherwise) for the final hour of the school day. Parents/Carers/ Family/Friends come into the school hall from 2.20pm and bring empty soap dispensers, shower-gel bottles, etc basically any plastic bottle you like) and fill them from our range of different smelling products (there are testers to help you choose). You pay for exactly what you buy, we only charge you for whatever amount of product it has taken to fill it. It is that simple. All are welcome and we will provide free tea and coffee to make it a positive, social event.

WORLD BOOK DAY

As well as Red Nose Day where everyone can wear it red, there is another dress-up day this term in the form of World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. This year our theme is Heroes and Villains, we will ask the children to come their favourite hero or villain from stories. We would also like to invite any local heroes into school to come and talk of their experiences. So if you know of anyone who is a local hero who might like to come and visit us please let us know.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: PERFECT PUNCTUALITY

We wrote a section on attendance last term and are delighted to congratulate the children achieving 100% attendance from Sept to Dec and the 130 children exceeding the national target of 96%+. Super effort from families! There will be a reward for this later in the spring term. This term, we wondered whether people also appreciate how important it is to be on time, daily: at 8.45am. Did you know that missing 'just' 10-15 minutes at the start of each day adds up to a child being absent for two weeks of the school year?







ST BONIFACE'S CHURCH NEWS

As we said earlier it was lovely to share the happy services in church and spread the values of Advent with so many members of our local and extended community before Christmas. Our next whole-school event in church will be our Lenten mass, then our Easter Liturgies and Eggstravaganza! at the end of the spring term. Meanwhile, Fr Alphonsus has been very pleased to see so many of our sacramental programme children at church each week and we are always happy to pass on the interests of others who wish to be involved.

We are awaiting our Section 48 inspection, similar to OFSTED, but during which the focus will be on our upholding of the school's Catholic vision and our teaching and living by the school values. We genuinely look forward to the experience, as a chance to show strengths such as:

- The way the pupils here live out the school's Gospel values in all they do.
- The children's superb relationship-building – with each other and with their staff.
- Our pupils' and familes' care and compassion, highlighted by their charity support.
- Pupils' spiritual development, e.g. engaging with wider matters like the environment.
- The manner in which our children are inclusive of all, regardless of background or ability.
- Our pupils personal development noted by all visitors.

PARENT SURVEY

Your feedback and opinions really matter to us so please take the time to complete the weekly parent survey this half term to help us improve our practice and provision.

FUNDRAISING

We are committed to developing our childrens' sense of community and being global citizens and because of this we have asked each class to take on board fund raising for their own charity of choice. They will be doing lots of fundraising for this so please support them. Class charities are as follow: In addition, we will continue our fundraising for school building improvement with the Valentines' disco and easter egg Hunt. We were extremely grateful for all the support before Christmas and have added £3000 to the fund. Thank you!

OUTSTANDING ORACY – SPEAKING WELL

We are working hard on our drive to help children develop their oracy skills – to increase vocabulary, speak positively and politely to others, listen respectfully to different points of view and give rounded views on a range of subjects. This is a crucial skill in the world of work and interviews in later in life, but also in everyday communication at school, simply just with friends or when acting as monitors, prefects and class reps. We have spent the last year increasing our vocabulary through Word Aware strategies, and have now included a Discussion of the Week for each class. This will also link with our Smart School Council and Catholic Social Teaching.

As we begin the spring term, we look forward to the opportunities ahead. With God at the heart of our school, we are excited to continue supporting our children as they grow in faith, learning, and compassion. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and prayers—we wish all our families a happy and successful term ahead. God bless.

EVENTS

30/1 - 9:15am - Year 4 Mass at St Sebastian's Church

6/2- 1pm - Handball Competition Y3/4

9/2 - STEM Week & E Safety

10/2 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk Assembly

12/2 - 4-5:30 - Valentines Disco Whole School

13/2 - 3:15 Finish for Half Term

TERM DATES

Spring 1: Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February

Spring 2: Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April

Summer 1: Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Summer 2: Monday 8th June to Friday 17th July

NB Easter is late this year. Easter and spring half terms are out of step with community schools

KS2 SATS - Week Beginning 11th May

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Pennington who have made our brand new school football kits!





