



Friday 11th September

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school and be together again as a school family. It has also been lovely to see all the parents again too.

It is a shame that at the beginning and end of the school day we can't stand and chat to parents anymore. However if any of you do want to talk to staff, you can make a telephone appointment or arrange for a socially distanced meeting in school with PPE. We are still here to talk to you.

Drop off and pick up routines are working better now - we are all learning together. Any more suggestions to improve this further are always welcome. Please only arrive at school when your child's drop off / pick up time is.

As we can't have parents in the school building, we can't invite parents into assemblies. We can't actually have assemblies with the whole school at the moment - just in smaller bubbles. We plan to still have the assemblies and video it for parents so that you can still be included in this part of school life.

With lockdown rules changing frequently- no-one really knows what will happen next. We desperately want to ensure that St. Bernard's School stays open - although we recognise that from time to time one bubble may need to close. To make sure we can stay open and prevent the spread of Covid we have lots of measures in place in school. We are asking parents to socially distance and wear masks if possible. We are advising testing for anyone with a **temperature over 37.7** or other **Covid symptoms**. I know it is frustrating if we send your child home from school and say that they can't come back until they have a negative test result or have been off school for the required period of time BUT this is part of what we need to do to keep school open.

The children have been amazing - they have come back to school as if they have never been away and are adapting so well the new procedures and bubble routines - so proud of them. All the new reception children have settled extremely well. They have been exploring both our inside and outdoor areas. We welcome Naomi, Finley & Sophie to our school family & new staff members; Miss Cooper, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Hartigan & Mrs. Knapton

As we are busy "zapping" with the thermometers in the mornings, I don't get chance to tell you how great it is to have you all back - so I am saying it now. "welcome back lovely families - it is so so good to see you all again.

Mia Barlow

Our New Young Leaders Team

• Head Girl - Evie M Deputies - Grace R & Rebekah H

• Head Boy - Stanley W Deputies - Oliver M & Marc S

Primary & Secondary Admissions

There are details on our website about how to **apply online** for a school place for September 2021. If you know anyone whose child turns 4 in the next school year please let them know. Once we know whether we can hold our Open Afternoon & Evening we will let you know & details will be advertised on social media. If you need any information about admissions please email Mrs. Mac.

If your child is in Year 6 then you need to apply online with your choice of High School – ensure a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is sent to the Catholic high school of your choice (if applicable) & you receive a receipt for this. Deadlines - Secondary 31 October 2020 & Primary 15 January 2021

School Dinners next week

School Dinners	KS1 (Seahorses & Sharks) Dolphins from Thursday.
Monday	Sausage & Mash or JP with Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken In a Flat Bread or JP with Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Roast Beef Dinner or Wrap with Cheese, Ham or Tuna
Thursday	Chiken Curry or Panini with Cheese, ham or Tuna
Friday	Fish Finger Wrap or JP with Cheese or Tuna

PE Days & Kits

The children in the following classes need to come into school on these days in their PE Kit please. Dolphins - Monday & Tuesday (from 21/9) Seahorses - Monday & Thursday Sharks - Thursday & Friday Bears - Thursday & Friday

The other classes will leave their PE kit in school as normal.

A Few Reminders

Please do not enter our car park at any time to drop off / pick up children

Please use "<u>unofficial one-way</u>" system on the roads around school – Victoria Park Drive – Park Drive – Victoria Park Avenue (see overleaf)

Do not park on yellow lines / across drives or turn around in front of our gate – please park considerately please! You may park at the Pig & Whistle – thank you to them for letting us do this!

Please Pay for Meals, ASC, Breakfast club, Trips, Milk etc when due on Parent Pay – if you need help contact the office.

If you circumstances have changed recently & think you may be entitled to free school meals go to <u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-</u> <u>education-families/schools/free-school-</u> <u>meals/?page=2</u>. This is very easy to complete.

After School clubs do not need to be booked as far in advance now as we have staff in place for each bubble, You can still use the app to do this. However no bookings will be taken for "on the day" after 12 noon.

KS2 (Grab & Go Bags)

Sausage in a Bun or a Wrap (Cheese, Tuna or Ham) BBQ Chicken In a Flat Bread or Sandwiches (Cheese, Tuna or Ham) Vegetable Sausage Roll or Sandwiches (Cheese, Tuna or Ham) Panini with Cheese, ham or Tuna or or Sandwiches (Cheese, Tuna or Ham) Fish Fingers Wrap or Sandwiches (Cheese, Tuna or Ham)

COVID Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following: • a new continuous cough • a high temperature • a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

You must self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

if your child has a test we must see the result of the test

before they can return to school. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Seahorses: Liam & Teddy Sharks: Oscar & Alex W Penguins: Kiba Bears: Isadora & Lilly-Mae Leopards: Lydia & Rio Tigers: Behcet & Naomi Lions: Holly & Sophie

> Class Star Attendance: Lions 99%



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