



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Friday, 12th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in a position to inform you about how we will be running the 'Outdoor Learning' sessions. Children from Years 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to take part in designated afternoon sessions led by their class teacher, supported by a teaching assistant and Mr Wright (Grandad).

The 'Outdoor learning' sessions will be organised in half term blocks (Monday or Friday afternoon) and will continue to take place in the school grounds within our already established designated area. The staff will be using lesson plans and resources from the Teach it Outside website - <https://teachitoutside.com/all-lesson-plans/> which has been used successfully in many other schools across the country. It is vital that the children have a purpose to their learning so they will achieve far more.

The Reception class will not be part of a specific afternoon session as they have access to the area throughout the week and already have waterproof suits and wellingtons that are available to them. They, like the other classes, will be following the lessons and using the resources from the Teach it Outside website.

The safety and welfare of the pupils participating is paramount, therefore all tasks will be age appropriate and risk assessments will be carried out for all activities prior to taking place. At St Bernadette's, we continue to value the importance of nurturing our children so that they can reach their full potential. We believe that this holistic experience will enhance their wellbeing and equip them with the skills to become confident in their own abilities: in the classroom, outdoors and beyond.

We are hoping the sessions will continue to provide our children with the time and space necessary to develop the tools and skills to become resilient, independent and inquisitive learners. We are so fortunate to have such a wide outside space so the children are able to experience the natural environment and to have fun.



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It is important that the correct clothing is worn by children and adults alike. It is not our intention for you to buy expensive clothing and the list below is, we hope, items your children already wear. **Dependent on the weather for the day/season:**

- Long sleeved/short sleeved top
- Jumper or fleece
- Full length trousers / joggers / leggings (not jeans)
- A coat with a hood (preferably water/shower proof)
- An additional pair of socks to change into
- An old pair of trainers, wellingtons or boots
- Optional items: scarf, hat, gloves, **waterproof trousers** and a small towel.

Classes involved this summer term:

Week beginning 29th April until 24th May

Monday Year 5 Friday Year 1

Week beginning 10th June until 19th July

Monday Year 6 Friday Year 2

Please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate clothing, on their designated day, as all children will be taking part. If you have wellingtons/boots/waterproof trousers, please can these be put in a plastic bag for your child to change into.

Should you require any support with obtaining items above, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to working with your children and hope they will be able to share their wonderful experiences with you.



Yours sincerely,
Alexis Satterthwaite
Head Teacher