



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about our Phonics Workshop. This parents' workshop will demonstrate how phonics plays a huge part in your child's learning across all subjects. We are so lucky, at St Bernadette's, to have so many supportive parents who are very keen to work with their children at home with their homework and reading. Knowledge of how reading is taught in school and the importance of phonics is vital. Implementation of highly effective systematic synthetic phonics sessions and a strong partnership between school and parents, resulted in 93% of our pupils passing the phonics screening test this year. All Year 1 pupils will take the Phonics screening test in June next year.

The workshop is aimed at our Reception and Year 1 parents (although all parents are welcome) so they have a little more understanding of the teaching of early reading. In order to maximise parental engagement, we thought it would help if we held the workshop, after school, from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm. We will provide child care (school age) as we understand that parents often find it difficult to attend after school events. If you wish to attend the workshop, please write a note in your child's diary and name the child/children you wish us to take care of. This will take place, in school, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

*Alexis Satterthwaite*

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**Acting Head Teacher**

