



# ST. BERNADETTE'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At St. Bernadette's we use the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. Little Wandle is a systematic synthetic phonics scheme which includes phonics lessons, reading groups, reading practice books, and assessments. I would like to invite Class 2 and Class 3 parents to a **Phonics Meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday 28th September**, where I will explain the scheme, how we teach it in the academy, and how you can support your child at home.

There are two types of reading book your child will bring home throughout this academic year:

**A reading practice book (Big Cat Phonics for Little Wandle)** – This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. This book will be carefully matched to your child's current reading level based on recent assessments. If your child is reading it with little help, please do not worry that it is too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they cannot read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. (These books will not be given until your child can blend words independently).

**A sharing book** – Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen from our academy library for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you should not expect your child to read this alone. Read it to them or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Please click on the link below to find out more about this phonics scheme and how you can support your child at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss L. Smith

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