



ST. BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO: 14

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Dear Parents/Carers

I want to wish you all a happy New Year filled with love and laughter, peace, joy, happiness and good health.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful gifts, cards and kind wishes sent to myself and to all the staff at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. You are all in our prayers.

On the last day of term we celebrated our Advent Liturgy in the Convent Chapel. The Liturgy was most beautifully prepared by Mrs Verma and Mrs Kimberley and presented very reverentially by the Upper Transition children. My sincere thanks to the children and staff for a prayerful and really meaningful end to the school term.

I want to express a particularly warm welcome to those children and families who are joining us at St Bernard's Prep School for the first time. I look forward to working in partnership with you to provide a happy and successful education for your child.

Staff Training and Development

On Monday we had an In-service Training Day which began with a liturgy leading all staff in a beautiful reflection giving a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our own lives in this new year.

START OF TERM MASS – TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY

There will be a Mass in school on **Tuesday 14th January at 10.45 a.m.** led by **Remove**. Father Kevin O'Driscoll will celebrate Mass with us and **all** parents are invited and welcome to attend. It would be wonderful to see lots of you here.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Robinson on the birth of her baby son, Freddie Jack. We send our love and best wishes to them.

Start of term

At the start of this new term I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your commitment to supporting school by ensuring that you uphold the following:-

- Uniform – All children should be wearing their **full winter uniform, including their school hat or cap**. Children should be wearing the regulation navy blue coat for both boys and girls. Children should also be wearing regulation school scarves and gloves in navy blue. All uniform must be clearly labelled.
- Timekeeping – All children **must** arrive in school before 8.25 a.m. when the register is taken and the day begins with a prayer. Lessons start promptly at 8.30 a.m. For safety and security reasons, the doors are locked after the children are in the building. Latecomers, after 8:30 a.m. must be brought into the school building by their parents who **must report to the school office and sign your child in**. This is to make sure that the children's names are added to the attendance registers. It ensures that all children present in the building are in the register for a roll call in case of a fire or another emergency.
- Homework – It is the responsibility of all parents to check that their child's daily homework is completed – to a high standard! Home learning is linked to learning in the classroom and is used for reinforcement and consolidation. Please encourage your child to attempt all homework and let the class teacher know of any difficulties. The homework diary can be used as an effective means of communication.
- Sickness – I would like to remind parents that children **must not** be brought to school if they have a temperature or are complaining of feeling poorly – either sick or with headaches. We ask you to remind the children of the importance of personal hygiene in containing germs. If your child has sickness/diarrhoea can you please keep them at home for a minimum of 48 hours. If your child is sick you must phone the school absence line. Thank you.

After School Clubs and Homework Club

Homework club begins today, Tuesday 7th January and all after school clubs including sports begin on Monday 13th January. Please register your child for any clubs as soon as possible via Parentmail. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar

The overall amount raised for the Christmas Bazaar was **£1,823.13!** Once again thank you to all our children and parents for supporting this wonderful event.

First Holy Communion Preparation

We ask that parents advise us if their son/daughter is preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in their Parish this year. We ask that you send a photograph of your child into their class teacher so that we can create a display to remind us to pray for them in our school community.

Best wishes

Mr. N Cheesman
Headmaster