



**ST. BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO: 16**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week we enjoyed a very successful Parents Evening which was well received by parents who found the evening to be informative in giving them advice about how they can support their children to achieve their targets. I met with many parents informally throughout the evening and it provided a good opportunity to discuss your children's well-being with you.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Devam Kumarswami (Trans F) who has been selected as a finalist for the Berkshire Young Singers 2020 in the classical music under 12 categories. Good luck and well done!

Congratulations to Kaiden Li (U. Prep G) who was awarded Grade 1 Piano with distinction. Kaiden was also awarded Level 1 Violin Suzuki method. Well done!

Congratulations to Jayan Bindra (Trans M) who was awarded Grade 1 Piano with distinction. Well done!

Congratulations to Nemin Shah (Remove W) who was awarded Grade 1 Violin with Merit. Well done!

Congratulations to Zara Khan (Remove W) who was awarded Grade 1 Drums with merit. Well done!

**Liturgy – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.45 a.m.**

**Trans M** will be leading our Liturgy on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.45 a.m.** As always parents are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday.

**Sports Fixtures**

This week's sports fixtures are as follows:-

2.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – U9ABC Football V Thorpe House AWAY

2.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – U11AB Football V Thorpe House HOME

2.30pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – U10AB Football V St Benedict's HOME

9.00 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February – U9 Football Festival at St Bernard's Prep

**U9 Football Festival**

**St Bernard's Preparatory School U9 Football Festival – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** we will be hosting an U9 Football Tournament. The tournament will begin at **9.30 a.m.** promptly and there will be six schools participating – St Bernard's Prep School, Dair House, Claires Court, Gateway, Gayhurst and Thorpe House. **Parents are very welcome to come and support the teams.**

**Class Assembly – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 3.00 p.m.**

Our Class Assembly on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3.00 p.m.** will be led by **Lower Trans G** Class. We hope that all parents of children in **Lower Trans G** can be there.

**Attendance**

A letter will be sent home notifying parents when their child's attendance has dropped below 95%. It is important parents realise the impact missing time from school has on their child's education.

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Headteacher's Awards are given for excellence in all spheres of school life. This week awards were given to the following children:-

Rishi Garg (Remove W) for your dedication to help our recent Mass be so beautiful. Your input to our Year 6 song was stunning, you worked hard and came to all the practices you were asked to – such talent! Well done! (Mrs Whittaker)

Tomasz Miara (Remove W) for always being so dedicated to our performances. Your singing in our recent Mass was beautiful and you always turn up to practice when asked. You are a pleasure to work with. (Mrs Whittaker)

Krishan Sandhu (Remove W) for the extra work you put into your flute practice to help make our Mass so special. Keep it up, the tone you produce on the flute is beautiful. (Mrs Whittaker)

Rajan Sidhu-Tung (Remove C) for this musical dedication to our Mass! Thank you for composing the 'Responsorial Psalm' for us – you always show such dedication to our school. Well done! (Mrs Whittaker)

### Music lesson opportunities

Drum lessons

Any Year 2 – 6 pupil - Monday 12.45 – 1.15pm or Tuesday 4.30 – 5pm

Or Year 3 Miss Grogan's class ONLY - the opportunity for 2 pupils to start individual lessons next term.

If you would like your son or daughter to begin music lessons please collect a letter from reception and return the consent form to Ms Johnson.

Any pupil who has taken music exams on any instrument please make sure you bring in the certificate to the school office. Thank you.

### Open Days

We will shortly be holding two Open Mornings this **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Please invite any family, friends and colleagues, who are looking for a school for their children, to visit. Although our numbers in school are very positive, in the current economic situation, it is essential to maintain this healthy picture.

### 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