



ST BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO: 17
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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been brought to my attention that our parents are not being kind to each other in the car park. Parents need to be role models to each other and respect one another. I ask you all to behave accordingly and to remember to adhere to the code of conduct for our school car park.

- At all times please consider carefully the safety of our children when parking or driving in the car park or the vicinity of our school.
- At all times please be courteous and consider the needs of other road users in the car park or the vicinity of our school.
- Please observe the Road Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of our school;
 1. Please comply with the **5** mph speed limit.
 2. Ensure children are supervised in and around the car park at all times.
 3. Put pedestrians first when manoeuvring in the car park.
 4. Give way to school minibuses
 5. Please report any accidents to the school office immediately.
- Please park within the clearly marked bays within the confines of our school car park. If the bays are full, please find alternative parking outside the school gates.
- Please be considerate when using the car park and do not cause unnecessary obstruction to other users.
- Please consider whether it is necessary for you to park on our school car park- ask yourself, could the space you are occupying be better served by those with a greater need, e.g. childminders or parents with pre-school children/buggies.
- Do not obstruct access to disabled parking bays or prevent emergency vehicle access to the confines of the school. With this in mind:
- Supervise your child/children closely at the front of school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jasmine Jawandha (U. Trans V) who passed Grade 1 Piano exam with Merit. Well done!

Congratulations to Jagat Klair (Trans F) who passed Grade 2 Piano exam with Merit. Well done!

Congratulations to Isabella Whittaker (U. Prep U) who successfully completed the Swim Kidz 20 metres award. Well done!

Liturgy – Wednesday 12th February 10.45 a.m.

Upper Prep G will be leading our Liturgy on **Wednesday 12th February 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 11th February – U9AB Netball V Gayhurst AWAY
- 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th February – U11AB Football V Gayhurst HOME
- 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th February – U11A Netball V Langley Hall School AWAY
- 2.30pm on Thursday 13th February – U8AB Football V Gayhurst HOME
- 2.30pm on Friday 7th February – U10 Football V St Benedict's HOME

Come and Play – EYD parents

Parents in the Early Years Department are invited to come and play on **Wednesday 12th February at 2.30pm**. Please park at Sainsbury's and walk to school to avoid congestion in the car park. Thank you.

Homework Club and After School Clubs

In order to ease pick up from Homework Club and some other After School Clubs we are trialling a few changes in order to make life easier for both parents and children. These changes will take place from Monday 27th January. Please see below for details.

Lower School Homework Club – Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2

Lower School Homework Club will always be in the Upper Prep (Year 2) classrooms. If you are collecting mid-session, please go to the Year 2 classrooms via the front door. Please wait at the classroom door and a member of staff will bring your child to you. The children who stay for the whole session will be dismissed from the front door as normal at 4.45pm.

Upper School Homework Club – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Upper School Homework Club will always be in the Upper Trans (Year 5) classrooms. If you are collecting mid-session, please collect your children from the external door from Mrs Verma's room. The side gate adjacent to the Music Room will be left unlocked but should not be left open. The children who stay for the whole session will be dismissed from Mrs Verma's external door at 4.45pm. Any late children will be brought to the front of school at 4.50pm.

If you are collecting from both Upper and Lower School Homework Club please collect the youngest child first and then proceed back through the front door and around the outside of the building to collect the older sibling.

Ballet and Street Dance (Monday and Wednesday)

If your child attends the 3.30-4.00pm Street Dance or Ballet Session please collect from the Year 2 classroom at 4.00pm (for children not staying for the remaining Homework Club session). The children attending the 4.00pm-4.45pm Street Dance and Ballet Sessions will be dismissed from the front door at 4.45pm as normal. Parents are not permitted to wait in the corridor outside the Hall and must wait until 4.00pm before collecting.

I do hope these more consistent arrangements will make collecting your child or children easier. We will review these new collection arrangements over the next few weeks in order to ensure they are working smoothly.

Lower School Coffee Morning – Thursday 27th February

We will be holding a Lower School Coffee morning on **Thursday 27th February at 8.30 am** in the Gallery for parents of children in the Early Years Department, Year 1 and Year 2. This is an informal occasion and provides an opportunity to meet other parents and have a cup of tea or coffee. Ms Underwood will also be giving a short presentation on parenting tips and advice. Please park at Sainsbury's and walk to school to avoid congestion in the car park. Thank you.

KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Parents in Upper Prep classes on Thursday 12th March at 3.00 pm. with a prompt start. We suggest you park at Sainsbury's and walk to school to avoid congestion in the car park. Thank you.

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.

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.

FOPS

The next Fops event is the **Valentine's Disco this Friday 14th February**. Tickets for the Valentine's disco are still available to purchase via Parentmail on a first come first served basis. These tickets are for current pupils, siblings, former pupils, and adult family members. The maximum number of tickets available per family is five.

Due to limited availability, please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets will not be available to purchase on the evening of the disco.

Due to health and safety reasons everyone attending this event including small children and babies need to have a ticket. The cost of the tickets is £8.00 for an adult and £5.00 for a child. The disco and buffet food is included in the ticket price. Drinks, sweets, ice cream and light up toys will be available to purchase.

All children attending the disco must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Ticket sales will close on the morning of 7th February to enable us to confirm our numbers and ensure the door list is accurate and complete.

Thank you for supporting this fun, family event.

School closes this **Friday 14th February at normal time** for half term and school begins after half term on **Monday 24th February**.

Best wishes

Mr. N Cheesman
Headmaster