



## ST BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO: 12

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Dear Parents/Carers

This weekend marked the start of the season of Advent and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. During Advent we have an Advent Wreath made in the shape of a circle and of evergreen leaves to remind us that God's love is like a circle and never ends. It reminds us that, in God there is no beginning and no end. He is the Eternal and Ever Living God. The wreath is decorated with three purple candles and one pink, representing the prophets, Abraham, Moses, David and John the Baptist. The fifth, white candle is in the centre and represents Jesus, the Light of the World, who first shone on Christmas Day.

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

"Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
Born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
Born like him to be a king,  
Be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide  
Be king in our lives today"

The children from our Early Years Department presented 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' last week and they were amazing! The whole production was fantastic! The singing was exceptional and the children learnt their lines – committing them to memory and delivering them with great timing. I was very proud of our children and their achievement. I want to congratulate all the children – they were all brilliant! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Early Years team – they are truly fabulous!

On Friday of last week our FOPs parents organised and presented our annual Christmas Bazaar for the children. The FOPs team worked extremely hard to create a wonderful opportunity for the children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I cannot thank the FOPs parents enough for their kindness and generosity of spirit.

### 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:-

Zara Samuda-Harper (U. Trans V) has been an enthusiastic and dynamic member of the Science Quiz Team. Her work in preparing and running our stall at the Christmas Bazaar was outstanding and reflects these qualities. (Mrs L Skorupska)

**Christmas Celebrations** - At this busy time of year here are some important dates for your diary.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.15 pm** – Dress Rehearsal – 'Pantastic' (suitable for parents with young children to attend) Grandparents are welcome to attend. They can arrive for tea and mince pie at 1.30 pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m.** – Upper School Production – 'Pantastic'

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m.** – Upper School Production – 'Pantastic'

**PARKING WILL BE A CHALLENGE THEREFORE, PLEASE PARK AT SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK. PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ACCESS TO THE HOUSES IN HAWTREY CLOSE/DOLPHIN ROAD. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN SPACES RESERVED FOR RESIDENTS/PERMIT HOLDERS**

## FOPS

### **Lower School Father Christmas Party Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

This event will be aimed at children in the Early Years department and Years 1 and 2. The children will have a tea party, followed by a visit from Father Christmas. **Children with allergies will be carefully catered for. If your child does have a specific dietary requirement and you would like to come in to check the food box to ensure your child has the correct food items and help out at the party then this would be helpful.**

Thanks for all the parents support

Best wishes

Mr. N Cheesman  
Headmaster