



ST BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO: 19
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Dear Parents/Carers

Lent is a time for transformation. A time when we reflect upon our lives and how we can change to grow closer to God and follow God more closely. It is also a time when we can help to transform the lives of others through prayer and by supporting the work of CAFOD.

Lent

During the season of Lent, children, parents and staff are invited to join the celebration of **Mass in the St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School Chapel on Friday mornings at 7.15 a.m.** Children and adults **must** arrive promptly for the start of the Mass. **Breakfast is served in Year 6 after Mass** and you are welcome to come and share this meal together with your children and with staff. I look forward to seeing as many as possible **this Friday 6th March at 7.15 a.m.** in the Chapel.

Lenten Parent Breakfast Morning

Please join us every **Wednesday morning from 8.10am to 8.40am** for tea, coffee and breakfast pastries in the DT Room. A time to talk and support each other. A time to meet parents from other classes. We look forward to seeing you.

A Parent's Prayer

*Thank you for my children,
Lord; I know they are a gift from you.
Daily I need your strength and
wisdom to train them in the way they
should go. Give me patience and a joyful
heart; let me be an example of Your love
and forgiveness.
Thank you, Father, for the honour of
being a parent. Amen.*

Family Fast Day

This **Friday 6th March** is CAFOD 'Lent Fast Day'. Our children will be sharing a reflective lunch in school on that day. Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes for a minimum donation of £1.

All money raised will be shared between Mission Together, a charity who work with the poorest children in our world, and CAFOD. Thank you for your kindness and support during our season of Lent.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Saacha Jagdev (Prep B) who was awarded 5metres Swimming Certificate and badge. Saacha was also awarded Brilliant Swimmer for swimming with brilliant arms. Well done!

World Book Day

World Book Day takes places on Thursday 5th March 2020. World Book Day UK aims to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help them on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more.

You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books. Your child will receive their token today and it can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop.

I am looking forward to seeing the children's wonderful costumes and I would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that we seek every opportunity to continue to develop your child's enthusiasm for books. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate reading with your child.

Mrs Verma.

Sports Fixtures

This week's sports fixtures are as follows:-

2.30pm Tuesday 3rd March – U9 Rugby V Eton End HOME

2.30pm Wednesday 4th March – U11AB Football V Caldicott AWAY

12.00pm Friday 6th March – U10 Football Tournament V Claires Court AWAY

2.30pm Friday 6th March – U10AB Netball V Gayhurst HOME

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.

Reconciliation for Remove Classes

On Wednesday 4th March at 11.00 am Remove classes will have a service for their reconciliation at St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School Chapel. Parents are welcome to attend.

Registration for School Admissions

I would like to remind you to ensure that siblings are registered in good time for a place at our school. Our Early Years Department is very popular and we are already filling fast for **September 2020/2021**.

Best wishes

Mr. N Cheesman
Headmaster