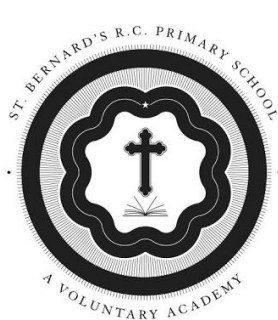


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Lent at St Bernard's

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of how we will be marking Lent this year at St Bernard's. Lent is the most important time in the Church's calendar, and it is a time for reflection and preparation.

Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 13th February

All children will be preparing for the start of Lent on Shrove Tuesday.

- Team Reception. Team 1 and Team 2 will be having a pancake celebration assembly and learning about the tradition of making pancakes. They will be making and eating their own pancakes.
- Key Stage Two will be reflecting on the importance of the upcoming season through worship in class.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. We will be having a whole school service with Deacon Paul where the children will receive their ashes. In class, the children will be making Lent promises to display on their class prayer table. The children will make a promise to do something throughout the whole of Lent.

Giving Something Up.

It is traditional during Lent to give something up. At St Bernard's, we will be encouraging the children to give up wasting plastic. This is something the children will be referring to during their class worship, assemblies and hopefully in their own private prayer. We will be encouraging the children, staff and our wider community to reduce the amount of plastic we use and therefore waste. We will be planning and trying out ways we can do this, for example reusing a plastic water bottle rather than disposing of them after one use. We will also be ensuring we are recycling any plastic we do use. Please encourage the children to do this at home as well.

Recycling Toys

We will be inviting children to bring in any toys they no longer want at home. We will be talking to the children about how these toys can be recycled to a new home, rather than thrown away. Each class will have a collection box in their classroom and the toys can be brought in throughout Lent. At the end of Lent, we will be donating the toys to a local Foster Care Charity.

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Stay and Pray

We would like to invite parents and guardians to class based worship sessions throughout Lent. These will be taking place in each class on the following dates:

Thursday 1st March

Thursday 8th March

Thursday 15th March

Thursday 22nd March

Thursday 29th March

Parents will be invited in to their child's class with their child at 8.45am. In Key Stage 1, parents will enter with their child through the classroom door and in Key Stage 2, parents will be able to enter through the main Key Stage 2 door.

Parents or guardians will be able to take part in a prayerful reflection with their child, which will be lead by the class teacher. There will be a different focus each week.

Children will remain in their class for their reflection, but parents can attend different classes each week if you have more than one child in school.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week commencing Sunday 25th March. The children will be taking part in worship and different activities throughout the week to mark Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Everyone at St Bernard's would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Paton
RE Co-ordinator

