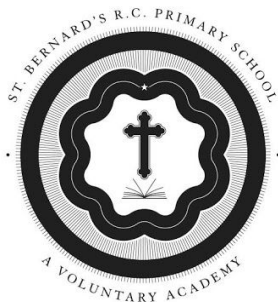


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Lent at St Bernard's

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 25th 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 26th February

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. We will be having a whole school service 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 paper. 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 paper we use and therefore waste. Please encourage the children to do this at home as well.

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:

Friday 28th February

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 12th March

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 2nd April

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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.

Lent Prayer Bag

Each class will send home a Lent themed prayer bag with a different child each day. Please ensure you return to school the following day.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week commencing Sunday 5th April. 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,
Mrs Morgan
RE Co-ordinator

