



FRIDAY LETTER

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God, grant me the spirit of courage,
 that I may have the strength to fight injustice.
 Give me the spirit of challenge,
 that I may not accept the status quo without
 question.
 Give me the spirit of compassion,
 that I may see the world from other people's
 viewpoint.

I ask for the spirit of gentleness,
 that I may listen to the voice of those who are
 poor
 without trampling on their dreams in my rush
 to action.
 God, grant me your Spirit,
 the spirit of truth, justice and hope
 that I may rest and work in the vision of a new
 future
 where all are linked by the bonds of humanity

Amen.



KEY DATES

Wc 20th January
 27th January
 6th February
 6th February
 Wc 10th Feb

Ski trip—all week
 Graffiti classics for Y8
 Science made Simple
 Y9 parents evening
 Y10 work experience

REMINDERS

Student Absences

Call school on 01229 814 560

Don't forget

Sign up for the K2B as soon as you can!

Remember

To make sure your child has funds for school dinners on their account

WORDS FROM ST BERNARD

“God will either give us
 what we ask, or what He
 knows to be better for us.”



Congratulations this week to our fantastic students. We are so proud of you

COMMITTED LEARNERS

YR 11

Grace Joshy, Alina Thekkanath, Ellis Chorlton, Macy Richards

YR 10

Casey Forsyte, Khloe Alyzza, Caleb Beach, Missy-Lee Burns

YR 9

Bethany Clark, Penelope Wise, Maximus Perry, Ella Anyanwu

YR 8

David Anyanwu, Ed Cush, Connie Evans, Riley Bircher

YR 7

Caleb Haughin, Harrison Lowden, Sienna Richardson Craig, Jacob Wright

EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

YR 11

Isla Nicholson, George Park

YR 10

Ireoluwa Adeyeye

YR 9

Mairead O'Flynn

YR 8

Isabella Bonner

YR 7

Joseph Bertenshaw, Noah McClure



This year St Bernard's will again be taking part in the annual Keswick to Barrow and Coniston to Barrow events.

The walk this year will take place on Saturday 10th May. As the course for the K2B will be approximately 40 miles long and the C2B 21 miles, children need to complete some training beforehand so they can survive the distance!

Depending on numbers, the school will arrange transportation by coach to the start of the Coniston to Barrow. **For those wishing to complete the Keswick to Barrow walk, you will need to book a place on the Happy Bus from your preferred pick up point at the time of registering on-line.** Timing tags for the Keswick to Barrow will be distributed on the Friday afternoon before the walk.

Please sign up ASAP if you want to join the team!

All walkers under the age of 17 must commit to raising sponsorship of at least £40. Walkers can be sponsored directly through the Keswick to Barrow website. This should be fully paid in on-line by mid-July.



Year 7 have had a brilliant drama lesson as part of their first week back in school.





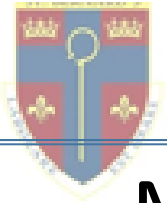
Road Safety



It is wonderful to see so many children using pedal power to get to and from school and protecting our environment in their choices. However, we have lots of children that do not wear a bike helmet when riding. Bike helmets are so important—especially when riding near traffic—and can make the difference between a major or minor injury after an accident. Please provide a bike helmet for your child. If there are any barriers to you doing this, please contact the school so we can support you.

Please talk to your child and remind them about road safety rules. Rating lane and surrounding roads are very busy at the end of the day and children need to make sure they're alert and crossing safely.





MESSAGES FROM MR VINCE

Happy New Year and Welcome back

A warm welcome back to school for our pupils!

You will have received the usual reminders from us re uniform, attendance and punctuality over the break. I want to take a moment to thank you for your support as it has been a very smooth return to school. I was delighted to walk through the building yesterday morning and see a school full of so many students working incredibly hard.

Year of Hope

We come back to school at the start of the Jubilee Year of Hope— a special year of grace and celebration for the whole Catholic Church. During this year we will allow hope to inspire us, helping us dream what it currently not possible but with hope can be. We ask God to give us a great sense of hope to help our community truly transform this world for the better.

Snow

I am sure you have felt the cold snap of the last few days. This blog published by the Department of Education details the responsibilities places on schools in such circumstances.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/08/schools-closed-for-snow-days-information-for-parents/>

We will always make every attempt to open the school unless we feel the conditions are so bad that the health and safety of children and staff are at risk. It is essential that we have a current mobile phone number and email address on the system. Please can you forward any recent changes to the main office

And finally

FA Cup third round weekend is a ahead of us— a special and romantic weekend of football with hopefully some cup upsets!!

Villa are playing tonight against West Ham so either my weekend will start with a bang or be ruined before it has begun!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

God Bless,

Mr Vince
Headteacher

