

St. Bernard's Weekly



Catholic Primary School & Nursery. NEWS

Dear Families,

Friday 8th January 2021

Happy New Year.

I know this is not the start to the year that we all wanted but as a school family we can hopefully support each other in these tricky times.

For staff in school, it is a challenge to still teach classes full time and also support quality home learning.

For parents working from home it is a challenge to be working and trying to support children in their learning at the same time.

For parents at home with children who want to spend time with their class mates but can't - it is also a challenge.

For key workers who would rather not be sending their children into school but have to – it is also a challenge.

We need to be kind to each other.

Please know that school are here to support our families whatever challenges they are facing. Mrs Burrow is able to provide all kinds of advice and support including just being a listening ear - as am I.

For any parents struggling with home learning, remember school are sending learning activities home for your children but if it becomes too stressful in any way – STOP! Take a break, go for a walk, read together, move onto the next learning activity, use CBBC learning links, plan meals, follow recipes, watch a film and ask your children to make notes on characters, settings, plot etc. Most of all – know that we are here to support you and your child/children. Of course we want them to keep learning and will continue to develop our home learning to suit our families' needs, but the mental health and well-being of our children and our families is also so important. Just do what you can and remember that doing what you can is good enough for now.

To use a quote from Action from Happiness

“ We will choose courage, we will choose peace, we will choose to breathe deep in the wild of uncertainty.”

We have done this before and we can do it again – but this time even better! As a school family we know “we are all precious in God's eyes.”

Finally, thank you to staff who have worked so hard to open for key worker and vulnerable children and get home learning all up and running in just one day. Please remember that our staff are working so hard and be kind to them.

God bless.

Mia Barlow

Our Learning this week:

Year 6 have been working hard in school and at home! In English, we have been studying the poem 'The Great Realisation', and are writing their own version of the poem based on events in 2020. In Maths we have been revising work on decimal places, and well as lots of Arithmetic. We have started a new History topic all about the Vikings, and a new Science topic about Evolution. We are going to be looking at the artist Banksy too, and hopefully produce some great artwork!

Year 5 have enjoyed looking at Greek Monster hybrids, multiplication, African art and have started to look at Benin in History

Year 4 have been working so hard at home and in school. We have started to read The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell and are really enjoying the story so far. In Art we have started to look at Kandinsky's circle art and have made our own stained-glass window based on the words hope, love, pray and peace

Year 3 have been working on times table and using related facts in maths. In English we have been studying poems on the theme of winter. We have also started thinking about our new topic: on the move

Penguins In Maths the older Penguins have been using models and images to solve multiplications. In class and at home we've all been using Scratch as an introduction to computer programming. In PSHE the class have been looking at the value and importance of kindness

Year 2 have been reading lots of Roald Dahl poems. They have also started their new topic about the Great Fire of London and continued with living things in their habitats. It's been great to see all the home learning taking place and remember if you need help with anything let Mr. Turner know.

Year 1 children have been creating colour wheels and exploring shades of primary and secondary colours.

Year R have started to learn all about dinosaurs. They have been drawing dinosaurs to make an information book, painted dinosaurs and learnt some dinosaur dances. In maths they have been learning about zero. In RE the children have drawn pictures showing the three wise men visiting baby Jesus

In **Nursery** the children have been investigating ice. We left bowls of water outside to freeze and made predictions as to what would happen. They have had fun painting the ice and frosty ground whilst practising mark making.

Lily-Mae



Cameron



Joey

Warren



Lily-Mae

Poppy S



Isaac B



Finley W

Star Pupils of the Week

Harrison

Neve



Seb

Charlie R

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Harry

Jamie



Scarlet

George