



**“We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives.”**

**Newsletter Date:**

**Friday 11th September 2021**

# St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Welcome back

I hope that you all managed to have a restful half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school this week. Class teachers have informed me that all children have returned eager and ready to learn, which is fantastic. Keep this up! Please also be reminded that all children should now be wearing their winter uniform. For full details, please check the uniform section of our website which can be found [here](#).

You'll note that the attendance figures for the week before half term were below our 97% target. I am, however, pleased that there has been a significant improvement this week so thank you in advance for ensuring your child attends school if well enough to do so. Please remember that every school day counts.

## Synod

Towards the end of last month, Pope Francis launched a Synod of the whole Church in which he asks that we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, dreaming and thinking of the type of Church we wish to be part of.



Along with all the Bishops in the world, Bishop Patrick has asked each part of our Diocese to be involved in this listening and journeying process so as many voices as possible can be heard. The Pope and our Bishop recognise and value that our schools are central to the life and missionary activity of the Church; as such, they want the voices of our young people to be heard loudly.

The Bishop is asking for three actions over the next three months. The first of these involves a Synod Prayer Card, which your child will receive two copies of by the end of today. The Bishop asks that one of the prayer cards is kept by your child, and that the other be given to someone else who might be a bit distant from the Church.

The Bishop asks that this pray be prayed each day. Next week, we will act upon the second and third actions—to share Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter with the children (a copy of this was shared on Class Dojo earlier in the week for your reference), and to collect children's responses to the following three questions:

- *What is my dream for the Church and my school? How can we make this happen?*
- *Who are the people who feel left out and excluded in the Church? How can we reach out, listen to, and love them? Think of two ideas, one for now and one for the future, to help include them.*
- *What does the Holy Spirit inspire us to do in our Church and school? What do you think the Holy Spirit is calling us to do next?*

It may be helpful if you're able to discuss these questions at home over the weekend ready for the discussions that will be held next week. Thank you as ever for your support.

### Attendance for last week of last half term 94.6%

Nursery am	92.0%
Nursery pm	60.0%
Nursery 30	95.4%
FS2KW	86.5%
FS2TG	91.4%
Y1RB	97.9%
Y1CG	90.3%
Y2DK	96.2%
Y2RT	96.8%
Y3HA	99.0%
Y3AN	94.3%
Y4NH	98.6%
Y4 SM	95.2%
Y5SC	93.6%
Y5VD	95.4%
Y6GM	96.8%
Y6NS	92.3%



## Parents' Evening

In readiness for Parents' Evening next week, you will have been given a date and time from your child's class teacher. Please double check this information so you do not miss your appointment, where your child's teacher will be able to report how your child has settled back into school, shared their achievements and provide ways in which you can support their learning at home.



Miss Bowler has updated our 'Using Microsoft Teams for Parents' Evening Guide'. It provides step-by-step instructions to help you download, login and join the meeting next week. This Guide can be found on Class Dojo. If you are unfamiliar with MS Teams, please look through this carefully so you are ready for next week's meeting. Once you join the meeting next week, please wait in the lobby and your child's class teacher will admit you as soon as they are able to.

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week will be **Giving**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

## Year Group Mass

Mass will be celebrated in church with Year 2 next week at 9.30am. As ever, you are most welcome to join us.

## Immunisation Team

The NCC Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 23rd November to immunise children against seasonal flu. The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to help protect our younger children against flu.

The Team can only administer the vaccine with your consent. To do this, please complete the electronic form by visiting: <https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/>. Our school code is: **NG141460**.



## Pupil Personal Data :2021-22

Yesterday, a message was sent to all parents requesting a few minutes of your time to provide us with up-to-date permission and consent with using videos and photographs. We ask that you complete this short form as soon as you're able to do so. The form can be found [here](#). Thank you in advance of your support.

## New Topics

All classes have now Launched their new topic, which will be studied until the end of this Advent Term. Thank you for your ongoing support, either with providing costumes or resources for Launch Days, or for volunteering your time to support our pupils with trips and visits. Today, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will come home with a Knowledge Organiser to match their new topic. This document contains essential knowledge and information. If you're able to read this with your child, it will help them to fully access their Topic Lessons. Further details of what your child will learn this half term can be found on your child's Advent Term Curriculum Matters document, which is available to view in the Curriculum section of our website.