



St Philip Neri with St. Bede

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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 10th September 2021

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Attendance for last week:
93.3%

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and that you were able to spend some quality time together with your families. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new families and new starters; I know you'll soon discover just how kind, generous and supportive our school community is, and I look forward to working closely with you all over your time in our school. I would also like to formally welcome our new staff members; thank you for already making them feel so welcome.

From speaking to staff and visiting each classroom since returning, there's a real sense of calm and purpose around school, which is wonderful to see. All children have returned eagerly, with a real desire to achieve: long may this continue!



As you'll know from July's Newsletter, we're slowly returning to pre-Covid normality. It's been delightful seeing the children mix with their peers in other classes at breaktimes, and coming together for Assemblies has been very exciting! We hope that we'll soon be in a position to be able to welcome parents and carers back into school—more on this over the next few weeks, hopefully.

With the changes to Covid-19 guidelines, may I reassure you that we will continue to follow the latest advice from the DfE and our Trust as keeping our community safe is our main priority. In case you aren't aware, some of the rules have changed. Isolation rules state that people who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years 6 months do not need to self-isolate unless contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

Please be reminded that your child should not come to school if they have symptoms (a continuous cough, high temperature and/or loss of sense of taste and/smell). We would strongly advise that you arrange for a PCR Test to be taken.

If you have any concerns or need further Covid-19 or isolation advice, please contact the School Office or the NHS Advice Line on 111.



FS2KW	92.9%
FS2TG	93.3%
Y1RB	99.1%
Y1CG	100%
Y2DK	98.3%
Y2RT	96.8%
Y3HA	98.3%
Y3AN	95.0%
Y4NH	92.6%
Y4 SM	90.0%
Y5SC	93.4%
Y5VD	95.0%
Y6GM	90.3%
Y6NS	69.8%

Class Newsletters: Curriculum Matters

You will receive this term's Class Newsletter, Curriculum Matters, from your child's teacher today. This document outlines the term's main areas of learning and all essential information to enable you to support your child's learning at home. I hope you find the information useful.

Attendance

Despite the pandemic, last year's attendance was excellent. This year, we ask for your continued support as we work in partnership to ensure that school attendance remains very high: our target is for 97% attendance. Please be reminded that the Department for Education states that:

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age;
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, you must notify school;
- Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences;
- Schools may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines.

School Uniform

It's wonderful to see that the children have returned to school looking smart in their school uniform. It is our expectation that all children will wear their full school uniform everyday except on PE days for children in FS and KS1. May I remind you that this includes black shoes and not trainers. Clear guidance of our uniform can be found [here](#). Children can continue to wear their summer uniform until October Half Term.

Start and End Times

Please be reminded that the school day is now as follows:

Class	Start of the Day	End of the Day
FS1am	08:45	11:45
FS1pm	12:30	15:30
FS2 — Y6	Gates open: 08:35 Doors open: 08:40 Lessons Begin: 08:55	Gates open: 15:20 Lessons End: 15:30

Please arrive as closely to 8:40am as possible so your child is present during Registration. Further to this, adults are using the first 15 minutes of the day as Genius Time where children are able to read, respond to their teacher's marking, or work with an adult on a 1:1 or small group basis to address any misconceptions with work from the previous day. Children who arrive at 8.55am are missing out on this opportunity.

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Mental Health and Well-being Support

We're incredibly proud of the provision on offer to support the children's Mental Health and Well-being. Kate Hill, our Child and Family Support Worker, will continue to provide children with a variety of resources to help them with mental health and well-being. To supplement this, Mrs Hufton and Mrs Hunt will continue their excellent work as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants). Our Forest School will also be further developed and enhanced, which will be accessed by any children who would benefit from developing their social, emotional or mental health. As always, if you have any concerns with your child's mental health or well-being, you'll be able to contact their class teacher in the first instance.



The Season of Creation: A Parish Picnic



Join the Parish of St. Philip's on **Sunday 19th September** at 3pm on the school field of St Philip Neri with St. Bede School for a service to celebrate our creation and to commit to caring for our earth. Please access school from the back gates by Tesco car park.

Bring something to sit on as well as a picnic for afterwards on the school field. In class next week, children will spend some time writing about what caring for our Creation means to them; they are invited to bring these letters with them to share their ideas.

A Charity Abseil!

Mrs Barrett and Mrs Durkin-Wood have teamed up to raise money for Nottingham University Hospitals Charity, which enhances patient care at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust's Queen's Medical Centre and City Hospital. Donations help provide added extras such as improved facilities, equipment, research & staff development.

Mrs Barrett and Mrs Durkin-Wood have both seen loved ones being treated for cancer. Through all the uncertainty and worry, the staff were amazing, looking after their families with compassion, dignity and humour. It is for this reason that they want to raise money so that the good work can continue and other families can benefit from the same quality care that they received.



What better way is there to raise money than to abseil down the QMC Hospital Building! A very brave and daring challenge considering that both are terrified of heights! If you would like to show our wonderful Teaching Assistants your support, all the details can be found here on their [JustGiving](#) page. Good luck, ladies!

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