



**"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."**

**Newsletter Date:**

**Friday 19th November, 2021**

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

## **Advent & Christmas**

We're heading rapidly towards the Season of Advent. As such, our attention begins to turn towards Christmas celebrations.

Unfortunately, we'll be unable to hold our usual Christmas Fayre this year; we hope this will return next year. However, we are excited for the return of some festive events and celebrations. New for this year, is the introduction of Class Hampers, as organised by SPA (St. Philip's Parents Association).

Over the next few weeks, SPA ask for your generosity in donating items to form your child's class hamper. Each class hamper will have a particular theme; therefore, from next week, we would welcome you to bring donations into school that match your child's class theme. The themes are as follows:

Class	Theme
Foundation Stage	Art & Craft
Year 1	Savoury Snacks
Year 2	Sweetie Shop
Year 3	Wellbeing
Year 4	Pamper Night
Year 5	Movie Night
Year 6	Christmas Eve Box

### **Attendance for last week 98.3%**

Nursery am	92.5%
Nursery pm	60.0%
Nursery 30	92.9%
FS2KW	95.4%
FS2TG	99.0%
Y1RB	98.0%
Y1CG	100%
Y2DK	97.3%
Y2RT	98.1%
Y3HA	99.3%
Y3AN	99.4%
Y4NH	99.3%
Y4 SM	98.5%
Y5SC	100%
Y5VD	97.7%
Y6GM	99.0%
Y6NS	95.0%

Raffle tickets will go on sale from the beginning of December for your chance to win one of the hampers. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. All monies raised will go to SPA, who will use the funds for enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for our Christmas performances. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will both share with us the story of the first Christmas; KS2 will also perform a Carol Concert. Further details will be shared next week once these have been finalised.

## **Word of the Week**

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

## **Year Group Mass**

Please note that there will be no Year Group Mass next week. Instead, Fr. John will hold a special service with our Foundation Stage children. Mass will return the following week with our Year 6 pupils.

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## Class Charities

The adults in school have spoken so positively of the effort that children have put into their Charity Presentations. It was particularly wonderful to see children conduct vast amounts of research to learn more about charities that are particularly important to them. Being charitable is central to our role as missionary disciples. Following the presentations, class votes have taken place and the charities that each class will support this year are:

Class	Chosen Charity
FS2TG	The Pack Project
FS2KW	The Firefighters' Charity
Y1RB	Blue Bell Wood Children's Hospice
Y1CG	RSPCA
Y2RT	WWF
Y2DK	Kidney Care UK
Y3HA	Debra
Y3AN	Set Us Free
Y4SM	WWF
Y4NH	The Smile Train
Y5VD/NC	Romanian Rescue Dogs
Y5SC	Cancer Research UK
Y6NS	RSPCA
Y6GM	Make A Wish Foundation

Each class will provide opportunities for funds to be raised to support these charities between now and the end of this academic year.

## Road Safety Week/Anti-Bullying Week & Youth Funday

This week has been set aside nationally for Road Safety and Anti-Bullying. We were pleased to welcome two representatives of Travel Choice, who delivered a whole school assembly on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, raising aware of Road Safety. Today, all classes have ended the week by marking Anti-Bullying Week. Further to this, we've been part of the NDCYS National Youth FUNday too, where children were taken on a virtual retreat. The theme for this was being a witness to God.

## NSPCC Net Aware

I've shared this website before but feel that it's worth sharing again: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>.

This site is an excellent tool to check the safety of popular apps, games and social media sites, which you child may ask to use or may even be already using. It will provide you with a 'safety rating' based on safety features, privacy and location, reporting and blocking, and content.

I highly recommend this website in order to learn more about the apps, games and social media sites your child may be accessing as this will ultimately help keep your child safe when online.