



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

Newsletter Date:

Friday 10th December, 2021

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Thank You

As we come to end of this Advent Term, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all for your support and understanding during these last few weeks. I pay homage to you all - staff, children, parents and governors - for adhering to the very recent changes that have been implemented as a result of the pandemic. It is most humbling to observe everyone face each day with a great sense of purpose, pride and determination even though the pandemic continues to bring setbacks and challenges to our personal and professional lives.

As we have journeyed through Advent together, we've been reminded of the hope, peace and joy that comes with this most special time of the year. In school, this season of Advent has provided us with daily opportunities to pray for others, ourselves and our families, and of course, for the second coming of Christ.



On behalf of the Staff and Governors of St. Philip Neri with St. Bede, I would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and holy Christmas. Please be reminded that **school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 4th January, 2022.**

Mass Times

I know that Fr. John would be delighted to welcome you to Church this Christmas time. Mass times for Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve:

5:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
5:00pm St. Joseph's, Shirebrook
5:00pm St. Patrick's, Forest Town
7:30pm St. Teresa's, Warsop
11:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield

Christmas Day:

10:00am St. Joseph's, Shirebrook
10:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
10:00am St. Patrick's, Forest Town
11:00am St. Teresa's, Warsop

St. Stephen's Day/Boxing Day

9:00am St. Teresa's, Warsop
9:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
11:00am St. Patrick's, Forest Town
11:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
5:00pm St. Joseph's, Shirebrook

Please remember that without a booking, you will not be permitted to enter church and celebrate any of the above Masses (except St. Patrick's where no booking is required).

Attendance for last week: 95.6%

Nursery am	94.5%
Nursery pm	46.7%
Nursery 30	94.3%
FS2KW	94.4%
FS2TG	94.3%
Y1RB	94.3%
Y1CG	97.3%
Y2DK	93.6%
Y2RT	93.3%
Y3HA	96.4%
Y3AN	99.3%
Y4NH	97.2%
Y4 SM	98.0%
Y5SC	98.7%
Y5VD	98.7%
Y6GM	93.2%
Y6NS	93.0%

To **book a place** in order to celebrate Mass, please visit the parish website: <http://www.stphilipmansfield.com/>

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Word of the Week



The Word of the Week next week when we return in January will be **Gift**, to enable our children to make links with the epiphany. This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



Christmas Raffle

I'd like to express my gratitude to you all for your generosity, both in the buying of tickets in your donations. SPA (St. Philip's Association) managed to raise **nearly £500**, which is wonderful. As always, our PTA will invest this money in enrichment opportunities for the children in school. My thanks to SPA, and in particular Mrs Mellor, who coordinated the raffle, and to Year 6 for writing very persuasive letters to a range of businesses requesting donations. Some of the businesses who gave so generously include: Cherish Wedding Boutique, Smyths Toys, Costa, Vanity Fayre, Mansfield Town FC, iJump, White Post Farm, ASDA and Tesco. Thanks again for your support.



Goodbye and Good Luck

As announced in September, Mrs McCay will retire at the end of this term. I am delighted to report that she is recovering well following recent surgery. On behalf of the entire school community and of staff past and present, we thank Mrs McCay for all that she has done over the last 15 years and for her tremendous service to our school and Catholic education. We wish her a very happy and peaceful retirement.

Kate Hill, our Child and Family Support Worker, has also made the decision to resign from her post following recent illness. We wish Kate a speedy recovery and all the best for her future.

From January 2022, I look forward to working closely with Mrs Shivley in her new role as Deputy Headteacher. I am also delighted to confirm that Mrs Brizzolara has been appointed as our new Child and Family Support Worker from January. I know you'll join your prayers and well-wishes with ours that Mrs Shivley and Mrs Brizzolara may find much success and happiness in their new roles.

Lent Term Dates

Tuesday 4th January: School re-opens: Lent Term Begins

Friday 11th February: INSET Day: School closed for pupils

Monday 14th February — Friday 18th February: School closed for Half Term

Monday 21st February: School re-opens

Monday 4th April — Monday 18th April: School closed for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April: School re-opens: Pentecost Term Begins

