



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 25th February 2022

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

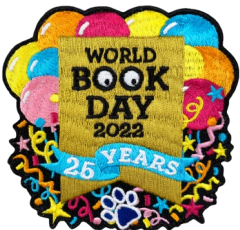
Parents' Evening

I can now confirm that Parents' Evening will take place week beginning **Monday 14th March**. From next week, you will receive the usual form to complete, which requests your preferred date and time of appointment. Once returned to us, teachers will collate this information then provide you with an appointment time.



Parents' Evening will be conducted in the same way it was for the Advent Term, using your child's MS Teams account. Further details will be provided once appointment times have been allocated to you.

World Book Day



World Book Day 2022 will be celebrated next week — on Thursday 3rd March. To mark this special day, we have a number of activities planned including a whole school assembly. Each class will also work together to create a 'book in a bottle' as can be seen in the image below.

To promote reading at bedtime, it would be wonderful if children come dressed in their pyjamas for World Book Day.



Ash Wednesday

There will be no Mass next week; however, we will hold a special Ash Wednesday service in school for the children to mark the beginning of Lent, led by our Chaplaincy Team. I know that this will be a fitting way to begin our Lenten journey.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for next week is **Forgive**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



**Attendance for the week
before half term: 96.4%**

FS1am	77.9%
FS1pm	78.6%
FS1 30hrs	94.2%
FS2KW	93.1%
FS2TG	96.4%
Y1RB	96.6%
Y1CG	93.3%
Y2DK	99.1%
Y2RT	99.2%
Y3HA	98.4%
Y3AN	97.5%
Y4NH	98.2%
Y4 SM	93.8%
Y5SC	100%
Y5VD	96.8%
Y6GM	90.7%
Y6NS	96.7%

Goodbye Miss Sokala

After six years of faithful service to our school, Miss Nicola Sokala has made the decision to move on to pastures new, so today is her final day of employment here at St. Philip Neri with St. Bede. During her time here, she has managed the office superbly and has certainly helped with the smooth-running of our school.

I know you will join me in wishing Miss Sokala well and keeping her in your prayers as she takes the next step in her career. I'm pleased to confirm that Mrs Melanie Tagg has been successfully appointed to replace Miss Sokala as Office Manager. Mrs Tagg will join our team in the next few weeks.



Mrs Phillips' Maternity Leave



On behalf of the entire school community, may I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Phillips a continued happy and healthy pregnancy, and when the time comes, all the joys of welcoming her new baby into the world. Good luck, Mrs Phillips!

As previously shared, Mrs Stimpson will formally begin the role of SENCo next week, covering Mrs Phillips' maternity. Please be assured that a comprehensive handover has been conducted. I know you will join your well-wishes with mine as I wish Mrs Stimpson every success as she embarks on this new role.

If you need to speak to Mrs Stimpson, please contact school or send her a message on Class Dojo.

Covid Update

The Prime Minister confirmed that domestic legal restrictions would end on 24 February as we are asked to begin to treat Covid like other infectious diseases. New guidance on Living with Covid is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>.

Until 1st April 2022, the Government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. **Adults and children who test positive should stay at home** and avoid contact with other people **for at least five full days** and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Thereafter they can return to work, school and normal everyday life.

The Government will provide further Covid guidance for advice after 1st April within the next few weeks.

School Dinners

In case you've missed it, please find a copy of the current school dinner menu [here](#). For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are completely free of charge. For children in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost is £2.30 each day. School meals can be paid for and ordered easily through the MyEd app.

If you think your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please log on to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals