



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 18th March 2022**

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

## SPA — St. Philip’s Association Meeting

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, our PTA, the St. Philip’s Association (SPA), are looking for new members to join the team. SPA is a group made up of parents and staff volunteers who give as much time as they can spare to organise and run fundraising events. All proceeds raised are then spent on projects that benefit our children. The next meeting will take place on **Friday 25th March at 9am**. If you’re able to attend, you’re welcome to drop off your child, come into school and help yourself to a tea/coffee before the meeting begins. If you are able to give up some of your time, it would be lovely to see you and welcome you to the group.

## Easter Egg Raffle

As advertised on Dojo earlier in the week, we’re delighted to welcome back our annual Easter Egg raffle, as organised by SPA. Raffle Tickets are on sale in each class: 25p a ticket or £1 a strip. On the last day of term, the Raffle will be drawn.



Next Monday (21st) will be a non-uniform day. In exchange, we ask that children bring an Easter Egg to school, which will be used for the raffle. Thank you in advance for this.

## Phonics Information Evening

Earlier in the year, our Phonics Leader, Mrs Harris, provided Parents with an introduction to our Phonics scheme, called Little Wandle. Feedback from this was very positive. As such, we have decided to hold a **Phonics Information Evening** to follow this. **The meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th March at 3:45pm in the School Hall.**

If you have a child in Foundation Stage or Year 1, I strongly encourage you to attend as Mrs Harris will provide you with more information about what phonics is; what a typical phonics lesson looks like; the aim and purpose of guided reading practise sessions and ideas to support your child’s reading at home. To give us an indication of numbers, please let us know if you’re able to attend by completing [this Google Form](#).

Attendance last week: 96.7%	
FS1am	85.9%
FS1pm	86.7%
FS1 30hrs	97.5%
FS2KW	95.1%
FS2TG	97.9%
Y1RB	98.0%
Y1CG	95.3%
Y2DK	95.2%
Y2RT	98.4%
Y3HA	98.4%
Y3AN	99.0%
Y4NH	99.3%
Y4 SM	94.6%
Y5SC	98.7%
Y5VD	97.2%
Y6GM	96.8%
Y6NS	92.7%



## Celebration Assembly

After half term, we look forward to welcoming parents back into school for our Friday Celebrations Assembly, which will begin at 2.50pm.

Following a meeting with our School Councillors, we've made some changes to the assembly incorporating suggestions from the children. Children now meet with Mr. Steele before the assembly for their Certificate to be signed. This is then presented in front of the whole school during the assembly.

Our children also wanted the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning so each week, different pupils/groups of pupils will share something special with the whole school community.



## Word of the Week

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

Please remember that we are proudly supporting CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal throughout Lent.



If you are able to donate, please bring any monies with your child to school and we will present this to CAFOD. For more information about how CAFOD will use your donations, [click here](#).

## Year Group Mass

Please note that there will be NO MASS on Wednesday this week. Instead, our children enrolled on our First Holy Communion programme will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass will be celebrated the following week with Year 2.

## For Your Diary...

Please remember that we have an INSET Day on Friday 1st April. School will be closed from this date until we reopen on Tuesday 19th April.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to meet virtually with their child's class teacher this week for a Parents' Evening consultation. If you haven't yet met your class teacher, please make arrangements to do so. Next week, our Office Team will in touch to follow this up with you. In order for your child to achieve their full potential, it's essential that we work together.

## A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth.

Lord hear us and have mercy.

Amen

