



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 22nd April, 2022**

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

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to our third and final school term of the year. It’s hard to believe that we’re now two-thirds of the way through this academic year. We hope you enjoyed a happy and Holy Easter and the welcome return of warm spring sunshine. It’s been a truly wonderful first week back after the break; the children have returned eagerly and have settled straight back in their learning.



## It’s A Secret!

On Monday, we will be launching an exciting new initiative. We haven’t yet revealed what this is but all will be revealed to the children during a special assembly on Monday morning. In the meantime, we need your help! We ask that you dress or accessorise your child in their chosen year group colour. This could be a whole outfit or just something small like a ribbon or bangle. Do not feel you have to purchase anything for this day - we will make sure nobody misses out. Please dress your child in uniform if they don't have items in their colour or if they only have one item i.e. uniform and a coloured cardigan, or coloured trousers and uniform on top. At the end of Monday, we hope your child will be able to tell you what the day has been all about - and there will be more information in next week’s Newsletter too. Please check Class Dojo for your child’s year group colours.

## Friday Afternoon Assemblies

We’re delighted to welcome you back into school for our Friday assemblies. Following discussions with our School Councillors, the format of these assemblies is a little different now. Each week, various groups of children will showcase their learning from the classroom or extra curricula clubs they attend. The children ‘performing’ for us for the next few weeks are as follows:

- 22.04.22 — Year 5: Firedamp & Davy Lamp Express**
- 29.04.22 — Young Voices Choir Performance**
- 06.05.22 — Year 3 & 6 Journaling Club**

Children will continue to receive a Headteacher’s Award Certificate. This is now presented prior to the assembly to each child on a 1:1 basis to enable Mr. Steele, as requested by the School Councillors, to personally congratulate each recipient and to learn more about their achievements. During the assembly, these children will take pride of place, sat at the front of the school hall with their certificates in hand.

We look forward to welcoming you from next week each Friday afternoon from 2.50pm!

**Attendance before half term break: 94.1%**

FS1am	93.8%
FS1pm	70.0%
FS1 30hrs	85.9%
FS2KW	93.8%
FS2TG	96.8%
Y1RB	92.5%
Y1CG	95.8%
Y2DK	88.1%
Y2RT	99.2%
Y3HA	92.9%
Y3AN	95.2%
Y4NH	95.1%
Y4 SM	89%
Y5SC	96.3%
Y5VD	95.7%
Y6GM	95%
Y6NS	90.8%

## Phonics

Before half term, Mrs Harris shared information about Phonics with Parents. For those of you who could not attend, please [click here](#) to watch this back. A copy of the PowerPoint and the Reading Together Leaflet that was shared can be found [here](#). Many thanks to Mrs Harris for preparing and delivering the session.



## Little Wandle eBooks & Homework

For parents of children in FS2 and Year 1, please make sure your child is accessing the Little Wandle eBooks with the login you have been given. This is your child's reading book linked to their phonics. The eBook allocated each week is the book that they have been reading in class. Re-reading this book develops fluency and confidence in reading. Teachers are able to see which children are reading the Little Wandle eBooks so gentle reminders may be sent by the class teacher. We want all of our children to develop a love of reading and to celebrate their success. Thank you for your support with this. For further information relating to eBooks and logging in, please [click here](#).

From this week, English Homework for children in FS2 and Year 1 is now phonics-based. The new homework tasks will reinforce the learning that has taken place in class during that week. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with completing this work.

## Word of the Week

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



## Year Group Mass

On Wednesday 27th April, our Foundation Stage children will visit Fr. in church for a special service, based on the Word of the Week — Mission. Therefore, there will be NO MASS next week.

## Mass Rota

The schedule for Mass this Half Term is as follows:

Date	Year Group
04.05.22	Year 6
11.05.22	Year 5
18.05.22	Year 4
25.05.22	Whole School Mass: Feast of the Ascension – led by the Chaplaincy Team

You are welcome to join us for any of our Masses; they begin each Wednesday at 9.30am in St. Philip's Church.

## Trust Director visit

It was a privilege to welcome to our school Sue Dryden, one of the Directs of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. Mrs Dryden was impressed with the children's behaviour and their engagement in lessons as we toured the school this morning. Well done children!

