



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 18th November, 2022

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Personal Development: Anti-Bullying Week

It's been great to mark Anti-Bullying Week this week, which started on Monday with children (and staff!) wearing odd socks to illustrate that we are all different and unique, made in the image of God. Throughout the school, we have used this week as an opportunity to promote equality and diversity and help our children understand, appreciate and respect difference in our school and local community.

This week has also provided us with the opportunity to share our child-friendly Anti-Bullying Policy and make sure every child understands what Bullying is and what to do if they think they are being harmed or bullied. A copy of this Policy can be found [here](#).

What is Bullying?



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Parent Voice Group

Following from last week's Newsletter, we're looking forward to welcoming you to our first **Parent Voice Group** on **Wednesday 30th November**. This is a new initiative providing you with the opportunity to share your views and opinions of all aspects of our school. **It is our intention to hold these meetings every 4–6 weeks.**

We are aware that not all parents will be able to attend the meeting but will ensure your voice is heard by sharing the focus next week and invited you to share your views. We're really looking forward to working more closely with you to help shape our school and make it an even better place.

Attendance this week:
94.5%

FS2KW	93.7%
FS2TG	88.0%
Y1RB	94.3%
Y1CG	92.3%
Y2JY	97.3%
Y2RT	93.7%
Y3GM/ZJ	86.1%
Y3AN	95.8%
Y4NH	95.0%
Y4DK	96.3%
Y5SC	100%
Y5VD	98.3%
Y6HG	99.4%
Y6LB/NS	93.1%

Catholic Life & Mission: Children In Need

On behalf of us all, thank you so much for embracing the opportunity to support BBC Children In Need today. Through your voluntary donations and purchasing of the Children in Need merchandise, we've raised £1134.97, which is astonishing. Many thanks to you all.



Children in Need is live on BBC One this evening from 7pm.

World Cup — England

As you will (no doubt!) be aware, the England football team kick off their World Cup campaign on Monday at 1pm, playing against Iran.

We will be providing the children with the opportunity to watch the game at school, should they wish to do so. Teachers will show the game on their interactive screens in the background so that children who want to keep up with the game can do this, and those who don't can continue as normal. Naturally, we expect all children to attend as normal on Monday.

We ask that children still wear their school uniform on Monday but when (if?!) England make the later stages of the tournament, we will look at possibly holding a non-uniform day to celebrate the team's achievements at that point. Come on, England!

Christmas Fayre

In just a few weeks, SPA will be holding their Christmas Fayre. If you (or anyone you know) would be interested in running a stall, please let us know by contacting our School Office.

We are still looking for donations for the Christmas Fayre. Items wanted include bottles, bottle bags, baubles, raffle prizes etc. Please pop into the Office if you have any gifts you're able to donate. Thanks so much in advance.

Catholic Life: Advent Prayer Fayre

In just over a week's time, we'll begin the important Season of Advent. To mark the beginning of this, our Chaplaincy Team will lead the whole school in a Day of Prayer to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus.

School Photographs

If you would like to order copies of your child's School Photographs, please be reminded that you have until the end of this Sunday to take advantage of the £5 discount and to receive your order into school by next week.

Word of the Week

Our Word of the Week next week is **Youth** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



Holy Mass

Next week, Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday at 10.30am with Year 2**. As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church.

Parish News

Youth Sunday

Many thanks in advance to the children from our school who will be reading during this weekend's Masses at St. Philip's. This Sunday marks the Feast of Christ the King, which is known as Youth Sunday. I'm sure they will read beautifully and represent our school wonderfully.

Congratulations Fr. John

On behalf of our whole school community, we congratulate Fr. John who was recently honoured to have been informed of his appointment by Bishop Patrick as a Canon of the Chapter of St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. Further details can be found in the Parish Newsletter. Huge congratulations to Fr. John.

Key Dates This Term:

In order to give you advanced notice, please find the key dates below for our Nativity and Carol Concerts during Advent. Further details will be provided in the next few weeks.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Classes Involved
Tuesday 6th December	09.30	Nativity	School Hall	Key Stage 1
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Monday 12th December	18.00	Carol Concert	St. Philip's RC Church	Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 13th December	09.30	Nativity	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Tuesday 13th December	14.00	Nativity	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Friday 16th December	14:00	Christmas Fayre	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 21st December	14.00	Carol Concert	St. Philip's RC Church	Year 5 & 6