



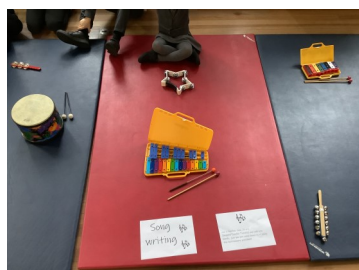
**"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."**



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 2nd December, 2022**

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

## Catholic Life: Prayer Fayre



On Monday, we began our Advent journey with a whole school Prayer Fayre, kindly led by our Chaplaincy Team and Mrs Shivley and Mrs Wood.



The children were involved with wreath-making, creating our outside Nativity scene in the Spiritual Garden (you're welcome to visit during Advent), designing a star garland for the Garden, creating cards for our older or lonely parishioners, contributing to a whole-school Advent Prayer and writing a class song. Below is the Advent Prayer that was created on Monday. It would be lovely if you could pray this each day at home too, as part of your preparations for Christmas.

*God our Father,  
We are here to celebrate Advent to prepare for Jesus coming.  
May You bring Christmas spirit and joy to our families.  
Help us to be kind and caring, to show patience during this time.  
Help us to forgive those who have sinned.  
Our Father in Heaven,  
Help us to make the right decisions to take care of the world and our friends.  
We promise to pray to you every day during the Advent season.  
God love us and bless us.  
Amen.*

Please see p.2 of this Newsletter for dates of further Advent events.

**On Thursday 8th December (next week), we'll be serving Christmas Dinner.**

Please order this on Arbor. We also invite children to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform on Thursday.

**Attendance this week:**

**94.2%**

FS2KW	97.3%
FS2TG	94.3%
Y1RB	88.7%
Y1CG	88.3%
Y2JY	97.3%
Y2RT	92.3%
Y3GM/ZJ	90.0%
Y3AN	96.8%
Y4NH	91.3%
Y4DK	96.7%
Y5SC	95.3%
Y5VD	100%
Y6HG	93.4%
Y6LB/NS	96.3%

## Parent Voice

On Wednesday, we held our first Parent Voice Meeting, where we discussed Communication. Parents felt that school's communication was strong because staff are available at the start and end of each day, relevant information is shared frequently and key dates are provided with enough notice. Parents also reported that the tools school uses to communicate are effective and easy to navigate—Arbor, Class Dojo, our website and Newsletters.

One area that parents felt we could improve is by sharing more examples of the children's work, or images of classes being engaged in special trips, visits etc. We fully agree with this and think this is a great idea. Therefore, from next week, adults in each class will ask if you give your consent to images/videos of your child to be uploaded on Class Dojo. If we receive a positive response, we'll begin sharing media through Class Dojo so that you can see for yourself the great things your child gets up to each day at school.

The focus of our next Parent Voice meeting will be to review our School Uniform Policy. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January, 2023 at 9am.

## Christmas Fayre

SPA will be holding their Christmas Fayre on **Friday 16th December from 2pm**. 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.



## Word of the Week

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



## Holy Mass

**There will be no Holy Mass next week.** Instead, Fr. John will lead our Reception class in a special Advent service in Church. Mass will return the following week, which will be for our Year 6 children.

## Admissions

**For parents wishing for a Reception place from September 2023, now is the time to apply.** The application window will be open until the deadline of 15th January. Applications can be made through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub](#). Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you **MUST** include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied. **All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our [website](#).**

Please also note that **we are now completely full in all year groups across the school.** Unfortunately, **admissions for all year groups will not be offered.**

## Key Dates This Term:

Please find the key dates below for our Nativity and Carol Concerts during Advent.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Classes Involved
Tuesday 6th December	09.30	Nativity	School Hall	Key Stage 1
Tuesday 6th December	14.00	Nativity	School Hall	Key Stage 1
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