



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 9th December, 2022**

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

## Little Acts of Kindness

In case you missed it in our previous Newsletters, the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has set up the *Little Acts of Kindness Fund* to offer financial support for all registered pupils who attending schools in the Trust. This is to help families with the cost of living crisis. The *Fund* supplements families who need support in paying for:

- Curriculum trips and year group residential (up to 100% of the cost);
- Other educational visits and trips;
- School uniform, shoes or sports/PE kit;
- School meals;
- Educational equipment.
- Travel to and from school.



Please note that all payments are discretionary and if awarded, do not need to be repaid. Pupils may be eligible for grants from the fund if: household income is below £25,000; a pupil whose parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits including: Income Support, Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit – who is not entitled to free school meals; or at the decision of the Headteacher or the Trust’s Head of Finance, any pupil who does not fall under the categories listed above, but consider themselves to be in financial hardship.

Further details of the Little Acts of Kindness Fund can be found [here](#) along with the Application Form which can be downloaded to apply.

## Streptococcus A (Strep A)

I know you’ll be aware of the illness Strep A/Scarlet Fever that is all over the media at present. Group A Streptococcus (GAS), also known as Strep A, are bacteria commonly found on the skin or in the throat. Under some circumstances these bacteria can cause disease. Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness but it is highly infectious. Therefore, please look out for the following symptoms in your child, which include:

- flu-like symptoms, such as a high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body
- sore throat (strep throat or tonsillitis)
- a rash that feels rough, like sandpaper (scarlet fever)
- nausea and vomiting
- scabs and sores (impetigo)
- pain and swelling (cellulitis)

When reporting a child’s absence to school, please inform us if they have any of the above symptoms. If you or your child has a high fever, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting or diarrhoea seek medical help immediately. The Local Authority released further information about this yesterday which we have shared via Class Dojo and email. We have also shared updated advice from the Trust; please do take the time to read this information carefully.

**Attendance this week:  
90.3%**

FS2KW	85.7%
FS2TG	92.0%
Y1RB	92.3%
Y1CG	88.0%
Y2JY	90.0%
Y2RT	90.0%
Y3GM/ZJ	85.8%
Y3AN	91.6%
Y4NH	90.6%
Y4DK	84.2%
Y5SC	92.3%
Y5VD	97.3%
Y6HG	90.9%
Y6LB/NS	93.1%

## Christmas Fayre & Disco

SPA will be holding their Christmas Fayre **next Friday from 2pm**.

If you're able to donate a bottle for our Bottle Stall, this would be greatly appreciated. Please bring these into school next Thursday. Thank you in advance.



Many thanks to SPA for organising a Christmas Disco for our children. This will take place on Monday 19th December. Children in Nursery and Reception will attend the disco between 2.30pm and 3.30pm, Key Stage 1 children between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, and then Key Stage 2 from 4.45pm until 5.45pm. For children in morning Nursery, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, please return your consent forms next week.

## Word of the Week

Our Word of the Week next week is **Peace** 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 6**. As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church.

## 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
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

Please remember that **school closes for the Christmas break at 3.30pm on Wednesday 21st December**. We **return on Wednesday 4th January, 2023** for the Lent Term.