



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

Newsletter Date:

Friday 26th November, 2021

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Christmas Events & Dates

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we're delighted to welcome the return of many of our much-loved festive traditions. It goes without saying that safety is paramount so it is our intention to hold additional performances to a reduced-sized audience. Dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Classes Involved
09.12.21	09.30	Nativity	Nursery & FS2
09.12.21	14.00	Nativity	Nursery & FS2
14.12.21	09.30	Nativity	Key Stage 1
14.12.21	14.00	Nativity	Key Stage 1
16.12.21	09.30	Carol Concert	Year 3 & Year 4
16.12.21	14.00	Carol Concert	Year 3 & Year 4
17.12.21	09.30	Carol Concert	Year 5 & Year 6
17.12.21	14.00	Carol Concert	Year 5 & Year 6

Please note that there will be a limit of **two tickets per child**. This is to help us manage audience sizes. If you would like additional tickets, your request will be placed on a waiting list and tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

In addition to the events above, the kitchen staff will serve **Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday 15th December**. Please book this as usual via Scopay. Children will be invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day, and each class will hold their Christmas party on this date too. Wednesday 15th December is also the date when the raffle will be drawn for your chance to win a class hamper. A reminder of each class' theme is below:

Class	Theme
Foundation Stage	Art & Craft
Year 1	Savoury Snacks
Year 2	Sweetie Shop
Year 3	Wellbeing
Year 4	Pamper Night
Year 5	Movie Night
Year 6	Christmas Eve Box

Attendance for last week of last half term 94.6%

Nursery am	92.0%
Nursery pm	60.0%
Nursery 30	95.4%
FS2KW	86.5%
FS2TG	91.4%
Y1RB	97.9%
Y1CG	90.3%
Y2DK	96.2%
Y2RT	96.8%
Y3HA	99.0%
Y3AN	94.3%
Y4NH	98.6%
Y4 SM	95.2%
Y5SC	93.6%
Y5VD	95.4%
Y6GM	96.8%
Y6NS	92.3%


If you have any items that you're willing to donate towards your child's class hamper, please send these items in to school as soon as possible. SPA thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Phonics Information

Thank you to parents who were able to attend the phonics information meeting last week. Our new phonics scheme is called Little Wandle. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please find a recording at the link below. For all parents of children in Foundation and Key Stage 1, I strongly urge you to watch the video below.

 [Meeting in General -20211117 160433-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

More phonics information including Little Wandle resources can be found on our website under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Children in FS2 and KS1 will also be able to read their reading practice book of the week at home via an EBook. These will be changed each week. Please use the logins you have received to access the website. Any issues with logins please speak to your child's teacher.

I wish to pass on my sincere thanks to Mrs Harris for preparing and presenting the information session found above. In the new year, we hope to provide a series of phonics workshops to further help you support your child's early reading.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week will be **Hope**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



Year Group Mass

Mass will be celebrated in church with **Year 5** next week at **9.30am**. As ever, you are most welcome to join us. This Mass will welcome to start of the Season of Advent.

The Big Ask Survey

Towards the end of last year, our children took part in the Big Ask survey, which was created by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. She was keen to hear from young people about the things that make them happy, that worry them and what they would like to see in the future. The results suggest that nationally:

- 84% of children said they were happy or okay with life at school or college;
- 80% of children were happy with their family life;
- 80% of children were happy or okay with their mental health;
- Children care deeply about community;
- Children are pleased to be back in school;
- children care about the environment and the planet.



There is a big answer written for children, which can be found [here](#). It would be wonderful if you could share this with your child.