



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



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Friday 3rd February, 2023

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Phonics e-Books

For all parents of children in Foundation Stage and Year 1, please be reminded to ensure your child is accessing their Collins eBook each week using the login in details that you were previously given. The login page can be found [here](#).



Each week, children are assigned a new eBook, linked to their phonics. Each book allocated is the same one that they have been reading in class. Re-reading this book develops fluency and confidence in reading, which we hope supports our children to develop a sense of achievement and a love of reading. Thank you for your support with this. For further information relating to eBooks and for help logging in, please [click here](#).

Come & See Assembly

This afternoon, we welcomed parents into school for our first ever Come & See Assembly, led by Year 5 and Year 6. This was an opportunity for our oldest children in school to share what they have been learning in their current RE topic. It was very humbling to see the children confidently express their faith through music, dance and drama.



Following on from the success of this assembly, and the huge number of parents who attended, we will hold the next one just for our Year 3 pupils and then Year 4 children. More details to follow after Half Term.

Home-School Agreement

A Trust-wide Home-School Agreement has been produced and is being finalised before shared with each school community. This agreement outlines what parents can expect from the school but also what school expects of parents. It is anticipated that such a document will ensure continuing positive relationships between home and school.

We are extremely fortunate in our community because interactions between school and home are nearly always very positive; however, there are some rare occasions where this is not the case. In advance of the Home-School Agreement being shared, please be reminded of the expectation to speak to staff calmly and respectfully. Any aggressive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances, which may lead to your access to our school site being restricted.

Please remember that, as well as your child's teaching staff, there are several staff members you can talk to if you need us. Mrs Graham is our Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs Taylor is Key Stage 1 Leader and Mrs Dickie is Leader of Key Stage 2. Further to this, Mrs Shivley and Mr Steele are always happy to listen and help.

Once schools receive the final version of the Trust-wide Home School Agreement, this will be shared with you all to further strengthen our already positive relationships.

Attendance this week:

95.5%

FS2KW	97.0%
FS2TG	97.0%
Y1RB	95.3%
Y1CG	95.0%
Y2JY	96.0%
Y2RT	90.7%
Y3GM/ZJ	94.5%
Y3AN	93.3%
Y4NH	98.4%
Y4DK	97.9%
Y5SC	99.0%
Y5VD	97.0%
Y6HG	93.4%
Y6LB/NS	92.8%

Redecoration

For anyone who has entered school using our Main Reception in the last few days, you will notice that this space is very much 'under construction'! I have been able to secure funding from our Trust to paint key areas of our school building including our entrance hall, corridors, staircases, the Main Hall and Dining Hall. This will give our school environment a much-needed lift.

Once the painting has been completed, we have lots of plans to enhance the environment, which will be done using the thoughts and ideas of our School Councillors. Exciting times ahead!

Word of the Week

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



Holy Mass

Year 2 will celebrate **Holy Mass** at St. Philip's RC Church next **Tuesday at 10:30**. As always, you are most welcome to join us. Please remember that there will be no school Mass the following week as this is Half Term week.

Parish Update

Bishop Patrick has announced that Cannon John Kyne, our Parish Priest, will be appointed one of two Vicars-General for the Diocese with effect from Easter Monday — 10th April. He will succeed Canon Joe Wheat who has served a five year term of office.

The Vicars-General are the Bishop's principal advisors and Canon John will have a particular responsibility for the counties of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. This new post means that Canon John will need to be away from the parish more frequently on Diocesan business, but on behalf of the whole school community, I'd like to offer our sincere congratulations to Canon John on being selected for this important role.

Punctuality

Many thanks to the overwhelming majority of you who arrive in good time for the start of the school day. **Please remember that the doors open at 8:40am** where the day begins with Genius Time. Genius Time is designed to ensure your child's day begins calmly and smoothly with the opportunity for quiet reading and 1:1 or small group intervention. Please remember that your child will be marked as Late if they arrive after 8:55am, which impacts their overall attendance.

Welcome back Year 4!

Today, our Year 4 children returned from their three-day Residential Visit to Mount Cook Adventure Centre in Derbyshire. The children enjoyed archery, archaeology, making a Viking weapons, a Viking Long-boat and gathering around the campfire. I think it's safe to say that they'll sleep well this weekend! Many thanks to the staff involved for organising and accompanying the children on trip.

INSET & Half Term

Please be reminded that we have an **INSET day on Friday 10th February**. As such, school will be closed to all pupils on this day. **School reopens on Monday 20th February**, following the Half Term break. As this will be the final Newsletter before Half Term, may we take this opportunity to thank you all for our continued support and wish you a very happy and well-deserved break.