



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 10th February, 2023

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Home-School Agreement

At the beginning of last month, I explained that a Trust-wide Home-School Agreement was in the final stages of being published. This has now been finalised and will now be shared with all parents across the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust. [This document can be viewed here](#) but we will provide physical copies next week.

As you'll see, 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 incredibly positive nearly all of the time; however, there are some rare occasions where this is not the case.

Upon receipt of the Home-School agreement next week, we ask that you read this carefully, sign and then return. A copy will then be retained in your child's personal file. I have every confidence that this Home-School Agreement will further strengthen our already positive relationships.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Well done to all children (and their teachers!) as they come to the end of Week 2 of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. As you'll have seen in last week's Newsletter, we aim to walk 200km in 40 days to support CAFOD's aim of fighting global poverty. If you are able to donate, we'd really appreciate it. £10 can provide four palm trees to protect land from extreme weather, £26 can help to build raised beds that protect vegetables from flooding.

More information can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>. Thank you so much for your support.



Non-Uniform Day

In the coming weeks, we'll be getting ready to be welcoming back our annual Easter Egg raffle, as organised by SPA. To help us get ready for this, next Thursday will be a whole school non-uniform day in exchange for the donation of an Easter Egg.

Raffle Tickets will then be on sale in each class from Monday 20th March until Thursday 30th March: 25p a ticket or £1 a strip. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of this term.

School Closure

Huge thanks to our wonderful teachers for ensuring all children had tasks to work through today. Hopefully you had time to enjoy the snow in between tasks!

Making the decision to close school is never taken lightly so many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Attendance this week:
94.2%

FS2KW	93.1%
FS2TG	91.6%
Y1RB	93.9%
Y1CG	93.3%
Y2JY	94.9%
Y2RT	93.3%
Y3GM/ZJ	91.9%
Y3AN	94.8%
Y4NQ	96.0%
Y4DK	94.8%
Y5SC	97.3%
Y5VD	94.1%
Y6HG	93.4%
Y6LB/NS	96.0%

Parents' Evening

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, please make a note that Parents' Evening will take place later this month on Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March. These will be face-to-face meetings in school. Over the next few days, class teachers will be in touch to request your preferred date and time of appointment. Once returned to us, teachers will collate this information then provide you with an appointment time.

Educating your child is a partnership so it's expected that all parents/carers are able to attend. Not only will these meetings update you on your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships, but they will also provide ideas of how to support your child at home.

Parent Voice

Many thanks to the Parents who were able to join us for the third of our Parent Voice groups on Wednesday where views were shared on Homework. As we look to review our Homework Policy towards the end of this academic year, your views will most definitely be considered. In the meantime, the Senior Leadership Team will now look to see if any suggestions or points raised can be addressed within the next few weeks.

Our next Parent Voice meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th April to revisit the theme of Communication. It'd be great if you could join us.

Year 5 Residential Visit

This week, we've welcomed back our Year 5 children who have been on their Residential Visit to Hathersage. Miss Canning's class enjoyed sunshine and spring-like weather at the beginning of the week. The same cannot be said for Mrs Dickie's class but despite this, a fabulous time was had by all! Huge thanks to the Year 5 staff team for organising and accompanying the children on this trip.

Word of the Week

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

Holy Mass

Year 4 will celebrate **Holy Mass** at St. Philip's RC Church next **Tuesday at 10:30**. As always, you are most welcome to join us. Mass will be celebrated with **Year 3** on Tuesday 21st March at 10:30am.

Diary Dates

Please find below some of the key events taking place before Half Term:

Date	Time	Event	Classes Involved
Thursday 16th March	All Day	Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 17th March	3:00pm	Choral Verse Assembly for Parents	Key Stage 2
Tuesday 21st March	3:45pm—6:00pm	Parents' Evening	Whole School
Thursday 23rd March	3:45pm—6:00pm	Parents' Evening	Whole School
Friday 31st March	3:00pm	Easter Presentation for Parents	Key Stage 2