



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



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 17th March, 2023**

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

### **Parents' Evening**

We're really looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for Parents' Evening. Please arrive just a few minutes before your appointment time. Our Foundation and Key Stage 1 teachers will be in the Dining Room; please wait in the entrance hall to be called in. Our Key Stage 2 teachers will meet parents in the Main Hall. Please make your way straight into the Hall where seating will be provided. You'll also be able to visit your child's classroom to see their work in books; you can do this either before or after meeting the teacher.

As stated in last week's Newsletter, your child's education is a partnership so it's expected that all parents/carers 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.

### **Online Safety**

As you know, online safety is taken very seriously at St. Philip Neri with St. Bede. Like us, our children are spending an increasing amount of time online so it is vital that they have the knowledge and skills to navigate this online world safely. In school, we see an increasing number of children using social media sites and being exposed to inappropriate and unsafe content on these sites. Staff also spend time dealing with issues that have arisen where others have been unkind on social media or other platforms including Xbox, PlayStation and through messaging apps.

The NSPCC website contains a wealth of information for parents, which I recommend you have a look at. It provides helpful advice on how to keep children safe when using popular apps, games and social media sites, which your child may ask to use or may already be using: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

The NSPCC also provides you with 'top tips' to help you with keeping children safe on social media. The link below provides similar advice for chat apps, such as WhatsApp and Kik <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

### **Choral Verse**

Very well done to all of our Key Stage 2 children who performed their choral poems in front of a packed Hall this afternoon as part of our Choral Verse Assembly. They did a wonderful job. Many thanks to Mrs Kerr for organising this event.

### **Come & See Assembly**

Unfortunately, **Year 3's Come and See Assembly** was unable to go ahead last Friday due to school being closed. This has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Tuesday morning at 9am**. Parents are warmly welcome to join us.

**Attendance this week:**  
**95.2%**

FS2KW	<b>92.3%</b>
FS2TG	<b>96.3%</b>
Y1RB	<b>87.3%</b>
Y1CG	<b>93.7%</b>
Y2JY	<b>96.0%</b>
Y2RT	<b>93.8%</b>
Y3GM/ZJ	<b>92.6%</b>
Y3AN	<b>95.2%</b>
Y4NQ	<b>97.8%</b>
Y4DK	<b>97.9%</b>
Y5SC	<b>99.3%</b>
Y5VD	<b>98.0%</b>
Y6HG	<b>95.3%</b>
Y6LB/NS	<b>96.6%</b>



## Mothers' Day

Wishing all the mothers and grand-mothers in our community a very Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. We give thanks for all that you do for us.



*"Of all the special joys in life,  
The big ones and the small.  
A mother's love and tenderness  
Is the greatest of the all."*

## Reconciliation

Despite being tremendously busy, we are extremely grateful to our three wonderful Priests for being able to provide time to offer all of our Catholic children in Year 4, 5 and 6 the opportunity to attend Confession. This will take place in school on Thursday morning.

Please also keep in your prayers the 39 children in school who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the last few weeks. Next Wednesday morning, they will be invited to meet our priests to receive this Sacrament for the first time. May they encounter the mercy, grace and forgiveness of Our Lord.



## Easter Egg Raffle

Many thanks for your generosity with donating Easter Eggs yesterday all of which will be used for SPA's annual Easter Egg Raffle.

As advertised in last week's Newsletter, we will begin selling raffle tickets from next week: 25p a ticket or £1 a strip. We're already very egg-sited for the Raffle! SPA will receive all proceeds which they will re-invest in the children.



## Word of the Week

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

Please remember that we are proudly supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk campaign. If you are able to donate, please bring any monies with your child to school and we will present this to CAFOD at the end of Lent. For more information about how CAFOD will use your donations [click here](#).



## Holy Mass

**Year 1** will celebrate **Holy Mass** at St. Philip's RC Church next **Tuesday at 10:30**. (Apologies, this was mistaken advertised as Year 3's Mass). As always, you are most welcome to join us. Please note that there will be no school Mass in the last week of term. School Masses will resume from 25th April. The rota for next term will be shared next week.