



“We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives.”



Newsletter Date:
Friday 20th September, 2024

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Feel Good Families

Huge thanks to Mrs Brizzolara for organising the Life Education Centre to come and work with our community over the next few weeks with their Feel Good Families programme.



The first session took place this week but it's not too late to join. More details can be found on the last two pages of this Newsletter. The focus of next week's meeting is to increase desirable behaviour. Please complete the short form on Dojo or just ask at Main Reception for a paper copy. We'd love you to join us next Tuesday at 9am.

OPAL Updates

As you'll remember from previous Newsletters, we have made a slight addition to our Uniform & Presentation Policy by asking that each child brings a pair of waterproof trousers to school. This is to help you by reducing the likelihood of your child getting their school uniform muddy while accessing OPAL play provision at lunchtime.



Many thanks to the parents/carers who have already provided their child with waterproofs. The good weather is forecast to come to an end so now is the time to ensure your child has waterproofs. There's a wide range of options available; anything like the examples shown in this image would be suitable. Please don't spend much—you'll find well priced ones on apps such as Amazon, Vinted, Temu or Shein.



We are also the proud new owners of a Butlin's bike to join our collection of wheels for use during lunchtimes. Once launched, we know the children will have great fun riding around the track together. If you know someone who might like to help, we'd love to hear from you to help us make it look prettier! A new canopy (in school colours) and some seat covers, or bunting and fairy lights would be great. If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs Shivley.

Please note the bike will be parked under the shelter on the field. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child doesn't climb on it before or after school.

In just a few weeks time—on Tuesday 1st October—we're holding an OPAL Open Afternoon for parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6. This will be a great chance for you to see what lunchtimes look like at St. Philip's. We'll provide more details next week but please do save the date!

Attendance this week: 96.9%

FS2KW 100%

FS2NM 98.2%

Y1JY 92.7%

Y1JS 95.9%

Y2RB 99.7%

Y2RT 96.5%

Y3RB 98.3%

Y3AN 97.5%

Y4AS 95.9%

Y4DK 96.3%

Y5BF 96.9%

Y5VD 96.0%

Y6SC 94.7%

Y6LB 99.4%

Season Of Creation

Members of our Year 5 and Year 6 Chaplaincy visited St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School in Shirebrook to join pupils from across our Hub of Schools for a Season of Creation retreat. The Season of Creation is an opportunity for Catholics to renew our relationship with God and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.



The children took part in a series of prayer stations and a creation dance to thank God for the Sun and our wonderful Earth.



Our Chaplaincy Team will now work with Clare and Luke (our Chaplains) to hold a retreat on 2nd October for St. Philip’s pupils so that our whole community can thank God for His creation and pledge to do all that we can to look after and protect it.

Harvest Festival

We’re really excited to invite you to our Harvest Festival celebration taking place on Thursday 4th October from 3.30pm until 5pm. Each class will soon begin making a scarecrow, each of which will be set out on the school field for you to look at. You’ll also be given the opportunity to vote for your favourite one with the winning class receiving a special prize. Tickets can be 'purchased' from your class in exchange for tins/packets of food, which we will donate to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank as part of our charitable almsgiving. Please begin to bring donations from next week.



To mark the Season of Creation, there will also be a prayerful element to the celebration, thanking God for the Sun, our Earth and for nature’s bounty. Our PTA are also supporting this event by hosting a variety of stalls including hot dogs, tea/coffee, cakes and sweets. Huge thanks to Mrs Wood, our wonderful TA who also supports our Chaplaincy Team, for organising this special event.

Class Charity Homework

Across school today, children presented information about a chosen charity to their class. Children have voted and now we need your help! On your child’s Class Dojo, you’ll be invited to select your preferred charity from the three most-voted for charities; we’ll then share the charities that each class will support next week.

Huge thanks to all of you who helped your child conduct their research and prepare for their presentations.

Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **understanding** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who’s Involved?
Tuesday 24 Sept	Mass	Year 1—Year 6
Tuesday 1 October	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 8 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 15 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church for each celebration above at 9.30am.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to apply for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Thursday 31st October, 2024.** Nottinghamshire applications can be made [here](#). Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this [factsheet](#) to make the process easier for you.

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a **Supplementary Form** from All Saints' **as well as** the **Local Authority application form**. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team, or to Mrs Shivley or Mr Steele who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school. Parents are notified of which school is assigned on 3rd March, which is National Offer Day.



Advanced Notice of New Fencing Works

In case you missed it last week, we've finally been given the "green light" for work to begin on improving the security of our school site. The works will consist of:

- erecting 6ft green fencing along the perimeter of the school car park and installing new 6ft entry/exit gates;
- removing the wooden fencing that borders our Foundation Stage field and Tesco, and replacing this with 6ft green slatted fencing;
- removing the older green fencing at the end of our school field that borders with Westfield Lane and replacing with new, green slatted fencing.

After an initial meeting with the contractors this week, this work is due to begin at the start of October and is expected to be completed within a month. We anticipate that the works cause very little disruption but once it begins, we will keep you updated if alternative plans or arrangements will be required.

As you can imagine, this is an expensive project so, on behalf of our school leaders and governors, I'd like to express my thanks to our Trust, the local council and the DfE for enabling this to go ahead to make our school even safer.

Mansfield Library Visits

We are delighted to confirm that we have arranged for each class to conduct further visits to Mansfield Library this year as this was so well received last year. The aim of these sessions is to continue to promote reading for pleasure across school and to remind children of all that Mansfield Library has to offer. Your child is encouraged to bring their Library Card with them so they can return or take out books when they visit. The visits will all take place during the school day on the dates below.



Friday 8th November: Year 1	Friday 29 th November: Year 4
Friday 15th November: Year 2	Friday 6 th December: Year 5
Friday 22nd November: Year 3	Friday 13 th December: Year 6



Key Dates

See below for this half term's Key Dates. We strongly advise that you check Class Dojo regularly to see notifications of other events, including specific year group activities and Class Charity Events. Please note that new events may appear each week so please check back each week in case new events appear!

Please also note that, for this academic year, our Virtues Assemblies and Come & See Assemblies will take place in the mornings. This is because we recognise that afternoon events do not work for everyone.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Monday 23 Sept	From 1.30pm	Coffee & Chat	In School	All Parents
Wednesday 25 Sept	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Worksop	School Hall	Reception class Parents
Friday 27 Sept	9am—9.45am	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 1 Oct	1.00pm—3.00pm	OPAL Open Afternoon	School	Year 1 — Year 6
2 Oct — 4 Oct		Residential Visit	The Mill	Year 3
Friday 4 Oct	9.00am—9.45am	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday 2 Oct	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 2 Oct	All Day	Season of Creation Retreat Day	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 4 Oct	3.30pm—5pm	Harvest Festival Celebration	School Hall & Field	Whole School & Parents
Monday 7 Oct	All Day	Flu Vaccination Programme	Medical Room	Children with parental permission
Wednesday 9 Oct	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Nursery
Thursday 10 Oct	From 9am	School Photographer	School Hall	Individual Photos
Monday 14 Oct	3.40pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 16 Oct	2.00pm—3.00pm	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Parents with Toddlers
Wednesday 16 Oct	3.40pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 17 Oct	1.45pm —2.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Thursday 17 Oct	2.30pm —3.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Key Stage 1
Thursday 17 Oct	3.30pm —4.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Key Stage 2

Looking further ahead, please note that half term begins at 3.30pm on Friday 18th October. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th November at 8.40am. Please also note that the PTA have kindly booked tickets for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 to go to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch this year's pantomime, Aladdin. Many thanks to the PTA for providing this wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

Feel Good Families

FAMILY LEARNING

WITH LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

FEEL GOOD FAMILIES



Find out the 10 secrets of successful and enjoyable parenting

Pamper yourself with some Aromatherapy.



Help your children make healthy choices



Talk to other parents about the joys and pains of parenthood

Have a bit of time-out with a cup of tea and a chat

HAVE FUN!

All mums, dads, grandparents, and carers are welcome!

Come join us at St. Philipneri
on Tuesday mornings at 9am

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Feel Good Families

Session		What it's all about...	
1	Sept 17 th	Introduction	The attention switch Ignoring undesirable behaviour
2	Sept 24 th	Increasing Desirable Behaviour	Positive things about being a parent Giving positive attention, attends and praise Understanding behaviour reinforcement
3	Oct 1 st	Decreasing Undesirable Behaviour	Solving problem behaviours (ABC of behaviour) Giving effective commands, Time out, withdrawal of privileges
4	Oct 8 th	Behaviour Management	Children's rights and responsibilities Managing anger. Peaceful problem solving
5	Oct 15 th	Children's Health and Wellbeing	What does healthy mean? The Eatwell Guide The importance of sleep
6	Nov 5 th	Drug Awareness	What is a drug? Talking to your children about drugs and ways to help prevent future drug misuse Risk and protective factors
7	Nov 12 th	Stress Management	What is stress? Understanding coping strategies 5 steps to emotional well-being
8	Nov 19 th	Aromatherapy	Introduction to Aromatherapy and its benefits Hand massage

If you would like to come and join **Feel Good Families**, please return this completed slip to your child's class teacher: Please provide us with your email so we can send you course information.

Child's Name:	INSERT CHILD'S NAME
Child's Class:	INSERT CHILD'S CLASS
Parent / Carer Name:	INSERT PARENT / CARER NAME
Telephone:	INSERT TELEPHONE NUMBER
Email:	INSERT EMAIL