



# Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents and carers.

At different times throughout our lives, we and our children will receive various invitations – some more important than others. However, the most important invitation is the one that is offered to us in this Sunday's Gospel. Throughout the Bible the joyful images of weddings are often used to describe how much God loves us. When Jesus told this story he was thinking of the Chosen People, the people of Israel, but many of their leaders did not respond to God's invitation when Jesus came. God's invitation is not just for certain people but for all of us, regardless of our past or present situation. God's banquet starts here on earth and continues right into heaven.

As Pope Francis says, "Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to His feast, which is free."

### **Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.**

Lord, we pray to you for the Holy Land, for the people of Israel and Palestine who are under the grip of unprecedented violence, for the victims, especially the children, for the wounded, for those held hostage, for the missing and their families.

Amen

### **Attendance.**

Our whole school attendance for this year so far is 96.6% Thank you so much for your support in this important aspect of school life. As you will know the positive benefits of excellent attendance reach way beyond the academic progress.; the social and emotional benefits are just as important.

#### Class Attendance

Mrs Barber	96.9%
Mrs Taylor	94.2%
Miss Jackson	97.1%
Mrs Padzinski	98.1%
Mrs Gough/Miss Turnell	95.3%
Mrs Fothergill	95.9%
Miss Beall	99.6%
Miss Bhakta	90.8%
Mrs Franklin	95.4%

Well done to Miss Beall's class for winning the weekly attendance award.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PARKING IN THE BUS LAYBY OUTSIDE SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED. We had a complaint today from the bus company who takes our children to their swimming lessons as it was very difficult for them to pull into the layby. It is essential that EVERYONE plays their part in keeping our children safe.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Recent Sporting Achievements.**

Our KS2 Girls' football team took part in tournament last week where they competed against 4 other schools. The girls worked really hard to support each other and demonstrated our school games values brilliantly.

Our Bishop Ellis teams were fantastic in the Wreake Valley League last Monday. They're looking forward to the next fixture.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to everyone who attended the parents' evenings this week. There was a real buzz in the school hall on both evenings.

## **Storytime Fun**

A message from the Adult Learning Service.

Please find attached details of an exciting new family learning course – Storytime Fun – to be held at GoLearn! Leicestershire Adult Learning Service, Roundhill House (to the rear of Roundhill Academy), 997 Melton Road, Thurmaston, LE4 8GQ.

This is a free, 5-week programme for parents/carers with their children (aged 2 – 4 years). You will be able to take part in fun activities with your children and listen to stories read aloud. Each week we have a different book to share with you.

## **FOBE Bake sale**

Many thanks to all those involved in the bake sale this afternoon.

A reminder that the FOBE AGM is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the School Hall at 9:00am.

## **Child Protection and Safeguarding policy**

Our policy is on the school website. If you ever need a paper copy, please contact the school office. I am the Designated Safeguard Lead for the school.

Mrs Gunton, Mrs Franklin and Miss Turnell are the school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

## **Volunteering in school.**

If you would like to volunteer any of your time in school please can you contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you. Training and support would always be provided.

## Diary Dates

### October

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	FOBE Cake Sale
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break

### November

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Mass for All Saints Day (9:30am hall)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning for parents (9am-9:30am hall)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – no children in school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FOBE Rags 2 Riches

### December

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Menphys Carol Concert at De Montfort Hall (7:15pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsals
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 9:30am
	Reception Nativity 2:00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 2:00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOBE Christmas Raffle
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert at St Theresa's Church Birstall (10am)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime / Last day of Advent Term

### January 2024

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Lent Term
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### February

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term break

### March

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	FOBE Rags 2 Riches
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Lent Term

### April

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Pentecost Term
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### May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS week.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Photograph with Tempest (9am)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Half term break

June

July

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Last day of Pentecost Term

We will add further dates in due course.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

