



# Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others. Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. Pope St John Paul II reminds us, "Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic.

## **Letter from Bishop Patrick.**

As I promised last week, please take a few moments to read the letter from Bishop Patrick. In it, Bishop Patrick thanks all those who work so hard for the benefit of Catholic education in our diocese and also appeals for more parishioners to consider the role of foundation governor. As always, if you know of anybody who could carry out this important role, please do let me know so that I can arrange a conversation with them.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**

A message from the parishes of Birstall St Theresa's and Rothley Sacred Heart. We are about to start First Holy Communion sessions for this year. There will be a meeting for interested parents on September the 28th at St Theresa's church hall at 6 p.m. This for registration and information. If you wish your child to start on these sessions they must be year 3 and over. This meeting is for parents only and not the children. If you have childcare problems, then please don't miss the meeting. We will find them some colouring etc. We are looking forward to meeting you all. The meeting will last about an hour.

## **Coffee Morning**

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the coffee morning this week. It is a great way to meet informally. You provided us with some really constructive feedback. We will be running our next one after half term.

## **Social media and your child Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3:30pm Mrs Taylors classroom.**

We are so happy to welcome you into school for a supportive workshop about how to work with your child/ren and help them to stay safe when they are using the internet and social media. This workshop is open to all parents for all year groups with a recommendation for parents/carers of children in upper key stage 2 to come along. We will look at the ways to protect children from harm online and maintain a positive mental wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming you all along!  
Mrs Taylor

## Christmas Nativities

Please keep these days in your diaries free.

Wednesday 13th December      KS1 Nativity 9:30am; Reception Nativity 2:00pm  
Thursday 14th December      KS1 Nativity 2:00pm

## School uniform

We have taken steps to ensure our uniform is cost effective. We are incredibly proud of our uniform. Please note that we expect children to wear **black shoes** not trainers. Your support in this matter is gratefully appreciated. Your child's teacher will contact you regarding correct uniform.

## Visits to school

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, we want to welcome you into school to have a look around and see some of the wonderful learning the children are doing.

## Parent's evenings- Advent term

Our parent's evenings for this term will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We will be able to offer either a face to face meeting or an online meeting.

## Child Protection and Safeguarding policy

Our new 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

September

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Your child and social media- session for parents. Led by Mrs Taylor. 3:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	De Lisle Year 7 Open Evening (6pm-8pm) for Year 6 class
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Trip to The Briars
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Year 1 Phonics Workshop (9am classroom)

October

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Open Afternoon (2:15pm-3:00pm) in preparation for Parent's Evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photographs with Tempest (9am)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evenings
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

July

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Pentecost Term
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We will add further dates in due course.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

