



Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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REMINDER SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN TOMORROW FOR A ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST INSET DAY.

Dear parents and carers.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to bring happiness to others!

Pope Francis says "Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God."

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

Message from the Nottingham Diocese Education Service.

In recognition of our celebration of Interfaith Week this week, Bishop Patrick has produced the following video message: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-supports-inter-faith-week/>

At this moment in time, it is particularly important that people of faith join together in a spirit of friendship and respect. Let us do all we can during this year's Interfaith week to highlight the witness and effectiveness of working together to build greater harmony and cohesion in our society.

The Diocese Education Service is now on X (formally known as Twitter) @NRCDES

Parents and Carers "Coffee and Chat."

It was lovely to see parents at our 'Coffee & Chat' on Wednesday morning and great to hear some really positive feedback about reading and phonics.

We have had some feedback regarding photos of children with their parents at Achievement Assembly on a Friday. Going forwards, if your child receives a certificate and you are able to attend Achievement Assembly, we will make sure that you have the opportunity to have a photograph with them - if you want to!

Our next 'Coffee & Chat' will be early in the Lent term. It would be really great to meet more of you then!

Attendance.

Our whole school attendance for this year so far is 96.2% 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.

This information is from our Attendance Policy

96 % Good- well done! You are on target. This will help all aspects of the child's progress and life in school. This will provide a child with a good start in life and support them to develop a positive work ethic.

Above 90%-96% Average -Below target and require improvement. The child's absence could now be affecting their attainment and progress at school. Please work with the school to implement intervention to help improve the situation.

90 or below 90 % Poor -Unacceptable and of serious concern. This poor attendance will be affecting your child's attainment and progress and is disrupting their learning and social relationship at school. The child is now classed as a 'persistent absentee' and will be closely monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. The school will work with you to improve your child's attendance. Parents will be required to attend an attendance meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

Class Attendance

Registration Form	Attendance w/c 16.11.2023
Mrs Banks Reception	88.2%
Mrs Taylor Year 1	93.8%
Miss Jackson Year 1/2	98.1%
Mrs Padzinski Year 2	96.9%
Miss Turnell / Mrs Gough Year 3	93.4%
Mrs Fothergill Year 3/4	97.9%
Miss Beall Year 4	97.4%
Miss Bhakta Year 5	86.7%
Mrs Franklin Year 5/6	95.1%

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

Remembrance book

During the month of November, we remember people in our families and communities who have died. As part of our prayer focus table as you come into school, we will have our book of remembrance. If you would like us to pray for someone in your family or community, please follow the link below. We will remember them in our Acts of Worship as well.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VJhQAbGg6M>

Eco Warriors

The big switch off fortnight is well underway. The eco warriors are coming round school check the classrooms aren't wasting any electricity at break and lunchtime.

Please also see the Dojo message from Mrs Gough about the UOcean project. We are proud that so many people in our community give up their time to support this.

Winter Wonderland at Thurmaston Village Hall

Friends of Bishop Ellis (FOBE) will have a stall at the village Winter Wonderland on Sunday 19th November. Please do come along and support this event.

Please see the attached poster.

FOBE Christmas Events

Christmas light switch on after school on Thursday 7th December. Our CEO Neil Lockyer will join us to switch on the lights. Our wonderful school choir will sing following light switch on. Refreshments will be available.

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

November

Wednesday 1 st	Whole School Mass for All Saints Day (9:30am hall)
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6 Digital Health and Wellbeing Check (online in school)
Monday 13 th	Remembrance Day Observation at the War Memorial in Thurmaston at 11am
Wednesday 15 th	Coffee morning for parents (9am-9:30am hall)
Friday 17 th	INSET DAY – no children in school
Saturday 18 th	Cross Country at Mallory Park
Sunday 19 th	Thurmaston Winter Wonderland – FOBE Stall
Wednesday 22 nd	FOBE Rags 2 Riches
Thursday 23 rd	New Parents Open Morning 9:30am – 10:30am

December

Friday 1 st	Flu Immunisation Day / Menphys Carol Concert at De Montfort Hall (7:15pm)
Saturday 2 nd	Cross Country at Mallory Park
Tuesday 5 th	Christingle 2:15pm
Wednesday 6 th	Bishop Ellis Choir & Chaplaincy at Hadrian House 1:15pm-3:00pm
Thursday 7 th	FOBE Christmas Lights Switch On (after school)
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 Nativity (9:30am in the hall) / Reception Nativity (2:15pm in the hall)
Thursday 14 th	KS1 Nativity (2:00pm in the hall)
Friday 15 th	FOBE Christmas Raffle
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21 st	KS2 Carol Concert at St Theresa's Church Birstall (10am)
Friday 22 nd	Santa Pantomime / Last day of Advent Term

January 2024

Monday 8 th	First day of Lent Term
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 3/4 Mass

February

Thursday 8 th	Young Leadership Programme at St Paul's (x4 students)
Wednesday 14 th	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am (hall)
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term break
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3/4 Reconciliation

March

Tuesday 5 th	Year 1/2 Mass for Mother's Day
Tuesday 19 th	Year 5/6 Reconciliation / FOBE Rags 2 Riches
Thursday 21 st	Way of the Cross
Friday 22 nd	Last day of Lent Term

April

Monday 8 th	First day of Pentecost Term
Tuesday 16 th	Year 5/6 Mass
Thursday 18 th	Young Leadership Programme at St Paul's (x4 students)

May

Monday 6 th	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th	Year 5/6 Warning Zone / Reception Liturgy Crowning of Our Lady 9:30am (hall)
Thursday 9 th	Whole School Mass 9:30am (hall)
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week.
Monday 20 th	Year 6 Leavers Photograph with Tempest (9am)
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half term break

June

July

Thursday 4 th	De Lisle Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 5 th	De Lisle Year 7 Induction Day
Monday 8 th	Founders Day 9:30am (hall)
Friday 12 th	Last day of Pentecost Term

We will add further dates in due course.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

