



# Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Dear parents and carers.

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes what will happen when he comes again at the end of time. Like a shepherd who calls his sheep to follow him, Jesus invites people to be with him forever. The only requirement is that we should have loved our neighbour: that is, we should have looked after our neighbour in need. The Gospel reminds us that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly. Pope Francis says. "The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor. Let us learn to live with kindness."

## 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 96.2% 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 24.11.2023
Mrs Banks Reception	96.9%
Mrs Taylor Year 1	97.6%
Miss Jackson Year 1/2	96.1%
Mrs Padzinski Year 2	99%
Miss Turnell / Mrs Gough Year 3	96.6%
Mrs Fothergill Year 3/4	95.5%
Miss Beall Year 4	97.1%
Miss Bhakta Year 5	92.1%
Mrs Franklin Year 5/6	98.1%

Well done to Mrs Padzinski'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/VJhQAbGq6M>

### Eco Warriors

**The big switch off** fortnight has finished. The eco warriors did a great job in leading us to think carefully about the energy we consume.

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.

### Wreake Valley Football

On some Mondays, the Bishop Ellis football Team 1 and 2 took part in the Wreake Valley football league. This week we played 4 matches (7-aside) it was a bit of a competition, but I think our favourite match was against own school sadly Team 2 lost but we tried as hard as we could. However, Team 1 won two of their games. We really enjoyed representing our school and hopefully next time we will improve our score.

Written by Caeon and Muhammed (Year 5)



### Cross Country

On Saturday I took part in cross country (year five girls' race). It was fun and I would say it was quite a competition as some girls' shoes had fallen off however it was a brilliant experience to have as I came 60th but what an opportunity.

Written by Tiarna (Year 5)



### FOBE Christmas Events

Christmas light switch 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

December

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu Immunisation Day / Menphys Carol Concert at De Montfort Hall (7:15pm)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cross Country at Mallory Park
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle 2:15pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Ellis Choir & Chaplaincy at Hadrian House 1:15pm-3:00pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Crib in School / FOBE Christmas Lights Switch On (after school)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Crafts / Art and Santa Run Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity (9:30am in the hall) / Reception Nativity (2:15pm in the hall)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity (2:15pm in the hall)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOBE Christmas Raffle
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Fothergill's Class Ukulele Recital 9:15am (hall)
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>	Santa Pantomime / Last day of Advent Term

January 2024

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

February

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Young Leadership Programme at St Paul's (x4 students)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am (hall)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term break
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Reconciliation

March

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Mass for Mother's Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Reconciliation / FOBE Rags 2 Riches
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Performance 2pm (hall) and 5:30pm (hall)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Way of the Cross
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Lent Term

## April

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

## May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Warning Zone / Reception Liturgy Crowning of Our Lady 9:30am (hall)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day Whole School Mass 9:30am (hall)
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

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of the feast of Ss Peter and Paul

## July

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

We will add further dates in due course.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

