



# Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Dear parents and carers.

What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment? Loving God first, with all our heart, helps us to be more loving to one another. Is Jesus asking the impossible when he says that we should love others as we love ourselves? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us.

### 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	98.5%
Mrs Taylor	92.8%
Miss Jackson	96.6%
Mrs Padzinski	96.1%
Mrs Gough/Miss Turnell	98.3%
Mrs Fothergill	89.3%
Miss Beall	93.8%
Miss Bhakta	96.9%
Mrs Franklin	96.9%

Well done to Mrs Banks' 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.

## **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>

## **Black History Month**

This year, the theme is 'Saluting our sisters.' Miss Beall, our History lead has organised the learning throughout the school so that all the children will focus on looking at one person. This has helped the children to reflect and make connections to their learning.

Here are the people that have been chosen for this year:

KS1: Mary Seacole – make comparisons to Florence Nightingale.

LKS2: Ethel Scott – make comparisons to more recent sprinters like Dina Asher Smith

UKS2: Lilian Bader – make connections to WW2 and the role of women.

Please talk to your children about what they have learnt.

## **School Council**

Well done to Toby, Archie, Leah, Iggy, Frankie, Josie, Edith, George and Rosalie for being voted onto the school council.

## **Chaplaincy Team**

Congratulations to our new Chaplaincy team Natan, Gursehaj, Luka, Kyria, Sofia, Karmiah, Mia, John, Blake, Ria, Auryn and Tiarna. They have already made a positive start to their role.

## **Cross Country**

Good luck to our cross country team who are running tomorrow at Mallery Park. Thank you to Miss Bhakta for giving up her time to attend.

## **Term Dates**

Please see the St Thomas Aquinas term dates attached for the next three academic years.

## **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.

## **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 <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
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We will add further dates in due course.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

