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Friday 29th September

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father’s request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge. Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again – God will be there for us.

Attendance.

Our whole school attendance for this year so far is 96.7% 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.

Attendance Ladder



Class Attendance

Mrs Barber	96.9%
Mrs Taylor	99.5%
Miss Jackson	97.1%
Mrs Padzinski	99.5%
Mrs Gough/ Miss Turnell	99.1%
Mrs Fothergill	98.2%
Miss Beall	94.0%
Miss Bhakta	95.9%
Mrs Franklin	97.3%

Well done to Mrs Taylor's class and Mrs Padzinski's class for winning the weekly attendance award.

From next week, each child that manages to achieve 100% attendance for that week will be entered into a raffle to win a prize at the end of the term. We recognise that children can't help being poorly so they will still have the chance to be in the raffle the following week if they don't manage 100% attendance for that particular week. The more times a child has 100% attendance the more chances they have of winning the attendance raffle prize.

Belief in Brief

This is an online course for parents and carers to explore the Catholic Faith and Parenthood. It is run by the Diocese of Nottingham. Please see the attached sheet for more information.

Year 6 Briars residential

It was a delight to join our year 6 group last night for mass at the Briars along with Leroy Aitcheson from The Family Society. The children were having a super time. I was delighted to hear that a number members of the public commented how well mannered the children were during their visit to Crich Tramway Village. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Franklin, Mrs Morley and Miss Turnell for taking the children.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th And Thursday 12th October 2023. The booking system opened on Monday and most slots have already been taken which is good to see. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointment following the link below and contact the school office if you have any problems.

<https://bishopelliscatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Phonics Workshops

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the phonics workshops. They are always such a valuable experience to see how phonics is taught in school. My thanks go to Miss Jackson for organising the sessions. We will run another session for parents after half term.

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.

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

Visits to school

On Friday 6th October at 2:15pm we want to welcome you into school to have a look around and see some of the wonderful learning the children are doing.

Cross Country

This year's Primary and Secondary Cross Country League for Year 3-Year 6 will be held at Mallory Park, Church Rd, Kirkby Mallory LE9 7QE. There are three initial events, the first being Saturday 28th October, then 18th November and 2nd December 2023.

The event is being organised differently to previous years. It is your responsibility to register your child and receive a unique race number for the whole 2023/24 season. Please see follow the link for more information and to register your child www.primarycrosscountry.org.uk

Please complete the entry form as soon as possible. On-line entries will close on October 8th 2023.

Once you have registered, please could you complete the reply slip on the separate letter that was sent out to you.

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

Wednesday 27 th - Friday 29 th	Year 6 Trip to The Briars
Thursday 28 th	Reception & Year 1 Phonics Workshop (9am classroom)

October

Friday 6 th	Parents Open Afternoon (2:15pm-3:00pm) in preparation for Parent's Evening
Monday 9 th	Individual Photographs with Tempest (9am)
Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th	Parent's Evenings
Friday 13 th	FOBE Cake Sale
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	Half term break

November

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

December

Friday 1 st	Menphys Carol Concert at De Montfort Hall (7:15pm)
Tuesday 12 th	Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsals
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 Nativity 9:30am
	Reception Nativity 2:00pm
Thursday 14 th	KS1 Nativity 2:00pm
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	Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime / Last day of Advent Term

January 2024

Monday 8 th	First day of Lent Term
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February

Wednesday 14 th	Ash Wednesday
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term break

March

Tuesday 19 th	FOBE Rags 2 Riches
Friday 22 nd	Last day of Lent Term

April

Monday 8 th	First day of Pentecost Term
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May

Monday 6 th	May Bank Holiday
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

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

God bless

Mr Monaghan

