



# Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Dear parents and carers.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God will reward those who are humble. What makes a humble person? Humble people do not boast and are honest about their weaknesses – they are not afraid to say 'sorry' to one another [or to God] when they are wrong. Humble people notice and praise other people's strengths and successes and remember to regularly give thanks to God for their own gifts. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. There are many blessings in life – let's not just take them for granted. As Pope Francis says, "Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."

### **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 96.4% 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 03.11.2023
Mrs Banks Reception	98.5%
Mrs Taylor Year 1	99.5%
Miss Jackson Year 1/2	99.0%
Mrs Padzinski Year 2	98.1%
Miss Turnell / Mrs Gough Year 3	97.9%
Mrs Fothergill Year 3/4	92.6%
Miss Beall Year 4	96.7%
Miss Bhakta Year 5	96.6%
Mrs Franklin Year 5/6	98.5%

Well done to Mrs Taylor's 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.

### **Harvest Liturgy Collection.**

Many thanks to everyone who donated goods for the Harvest Liturgy. I was delighted to receive this email this week.

Hello

I just wanted to send an email over to send my thanks to everyone in the school. The donation we received was very kind and took us a long time to put away as it was so big. It will go a long way in supporting Charnwood residents. Thank for you your hard work, time and money spent on supporting us.

Warm regards

Jacob Nelson

Your store Coordinator

### **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**

Well done to Lola-Rose, Maya J, Ernest G, Emily, Zinnaj, Aaron P, Deeyan and Jack D for being voted onto the Eco Warriors team. The Eco Warriors will be leading our whole school Act of Worship next Thursday to explain our Eco Roadmap linked to "Laudato Si" Pope Francis' letter about caring for our common home.

## Chaplaincy Team

Many thanks to our new Chaplaincy team Natan, Gursehaj, Luka, Kyria, Sofia, Karmiah, Mia, John, Blake, Ria, Aurn and Tiarna. They prepared and led our whole school mass for the feast of All Saints on Wednesday wonderfully well.

It was delightful to welcome Fr Jude from The Divine Infant of Prague parish and Fr Jenson from St Theresa's to celebrate mass with us. We look forward to developing our close links with the parishes.

## Winter Wonderland at Thurmaston Village Hall

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

## Term Dates

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

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

### 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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Ellis Choir & Chaplaincy at Hadrian House 1:15pm-3:00pm
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 (2:00pm in the hall)
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>	Santa Pantomime / Last day of Advent Term
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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
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
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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	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

July

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	De Lisle Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	De Lisle Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Pentecost Term

We will add further dates in due course.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

