



Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Friday 8th September

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled – to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends.

Welcome back.

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. I would like to extend a particular welcome to any new members of our school community. It has been a lovely start to the new term. The children have returned full of optimism about their learning and their behaviour has been excellent. I would like to say a huge well done to our children in years 5 and 6 who have been particularly supportive of our Reception children.

Over the course of the 1st half term, we want to welcome you into school to have a look around and see some of the wonderful learning the children are doing.

A reminder that the school day begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm

This year, Education Sunday takes place on 10 September (this coming Sunday). Bishop Patrick has prepared a Pastoral Letter which will be read at all Masses this coming weekend. In addition to thanking all those who serve our schools, the letter also appeals for more foundation directors and governors. A copy of the Pastoral Letter will be included in next week's newsletter.

Staffing News

There have been a couple of staff name changes over the summer,
Mrs Barber is now Mrs Banks
Mrs McManus is now Miss Jackson.

School uniform

We have taken steps to ensure our uniform is cost effective. We are incredibly proud of our uniform. Please note that we expect children to wear **black shoes** not trainers. Your support in this matter is gratefully appreciated. Your child's teacher will contact you regarding correct uniform.

Visits to school

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Parent's evenings- Advent term

Our parent's evenings for this term will be on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October. We will be able to offer either a face to face meeting or an online meeting.

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.

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

Thursday 7 th	Reception Phonics Meeting (9am hall) / (3:30pm classroom)
Friday 8 th	Class Photographs with Tempest (9am)
Wednesday 13 th	Coffee morning for parents (9am-9:30am hall)
Thursday 21 st	De Lisle Year 7 Open Evening (6pm-8pm) for Year 6 class
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)
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
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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

