



Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Dear parents and carers.

Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. In this Sunday's Gospel, the Angel Gabriel announced God's will, and Mary accepted it and put her trust in God. Mary is a perfect example for all people – someone full of love and kindness.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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

School Christmas Events

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and support the Reception and KS1 nativities and the KS2 Carol Service.

They were all truly joyful events. My sincere thanks go to all the staff who have worked so hard to put the shows and carol service together.

These are just a flavour of the many wonderful comments:

- Reception "An amazing performance from the Reception class. Beautiful singing and wonderful acting. Well done for remembering all of the words.
- KS1 "A wonderful performance from all the children. Great singing and it really did bring a tear to my eye."
- KS2 "It was such a joyful occasion. Thank you so much- we really felt part of the service."

FOBE Christmas Events

Thank you to those who came along to volunteer or support the event tonight. It's not easy pulling together events and it's only with the help of volunteers and staff that we're able to run these events. Please continue to support FOBE in the new year, and we look forward to organising some great events in the spring and summer!

The children very much enjoyed the performance of Santa the Panto which was a lovely way to round off a very long term. Thank you to FOBE who paid for our children to have this great experience.

Attendance.

Our whole school attendance for this year so far is 95.7% 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.

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 18.12.2023
Mrs Banks Reception	95.0%
Mrs Taylor Year 1	90.3%
Miss Jackson Year 1/2	90.8%
Mrs Padzinski Year 2	88.9%
Miss Turnell / Mrs Gough Year 3	94.0%
Mrs Fothergill Year 3/4	85.6%
Miss Beall Year 4	88.9%
Miss Bhakta Year 5	94.7%
Mrs Franklin Year 5/6	95.9%

Well done to Mrs Franklin's class for winning the weekly attendance award.

Diary Dates

Please note the parents evening for the Lent term.

January 2024

Monday 8th	First day of Lent Term
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 3/4 Mass- Thanksgiving for Fr Clement.

February

Thursday 8 th	Young Leadership Programme at St Paul's (x4 students)
Friday 9 th	Open Afternoon. 2:15-3:00pm
Wednesday 14 th	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am (hall) Parents' evening
Thursday 15 th	Parent's evening
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term break
Monday 26 th	Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3/4 Reconciliation

March

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

April

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

May

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

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

July

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

On behalf of the staff, governors and children, I wish each of you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

