



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. In this Sunday's Gospel possibly one of the most famous of Jesus' parables, the younger son insults his father; his inheritance is all he thinks about. To make matters worse, his reason for returning is not love or consideration for his father, but simply his own desperate hunger. The father doesn't even question his son's motives. He welcomes his son back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness. The message for us is that, whatever we may have done wrong, if we are truly sorry, we can still count on the loving forgiveness of God, who is our Father, and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings.

We continue to pray for Pope Francis as he recovers from his recent illness.

I hope that all mothers in our community are treated this Sunday. Happy Mothering Sunday.

Mr Monaghan

USEFUL LINKS



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**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

28th March 2025

**LENT AT
BISHOP ELLIS**

**Tuesday 1st April
Years 1&2 Mothers
Day Mass**

**Wednesday 9th April
yrs 3/4/5
Musical
Extravaganza**

**Friday 11th April
Way Of The Cross
(pupils only)**

**Friday 11th April
Easter Raffle Draw**



BISHOP ELLIS SCHOOL CHOIR JOINED NINE OTHER SCHOOLS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES ON TUESDAY EVENING AT DE MONTFORT HALL FOR THE FINAL OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSIC CHOIR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION. I WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE STANDARD OF OUR SINGING AND THE ENTHUSIASM THE CHILDREN SHOWED WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE. I MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY BIASED BUT I FELT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE WON!!! NEVERTHELESS THE CHILDREN REALLY ENJOYED THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE. MY SINCERE THANKS GO TO MISS LOWE AND MRS SHAW FOR THEIR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP OF OUR SCHOOL CHOIR.



Thank You

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE FOOD THAT WAS DONATED FOR THE MINI VINNIES FOOD BANK COLLECTION. WE WERE ABLE TO FILL 6 CRATES WITH YOUR DONATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

MISS BEALL AND THE MINI VINNIES

2026/27 TERM DATES

A NEW VERSION OF THE 26/27 TERM DATES HAS BEEN UPLOADED TO OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IS AROUND THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR AND THE DATE OF THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

SOME OF THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS!





ECO NEWS

ALL YEAR GROUPS THIS WEEK HAVE HAD A BRILLIANT TIME LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PLASTIC IN THE OCEAN THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE UOCEAN PROJECT. JEMIMA TAUGHT US ALL ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF PLASTIC ON THE WILDLIFE AND ECOSYSTEM IN THE OCEAN AND HELPED US TO THINK OF WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP TO REDUCE OUR PLASTIC USE. SHE ALSO TOLD US HOW THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP BY ORGANISING PLASTIC CLEAN UPS IN OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS TO STOP THE PLASTIC MAKING ITS WAY INTO THE OCEAN. WE THEN USED CLEANED PLASTIC FROM THIS RIVER CLEAN UPS TO CREATE CARDS FOR OUR FAMILIES. A BIG THANK YOU TO JEMIMA AND CHRIS AT THE UOCEAN PROJECT FOR JOINING US THIS WEEK!



FROM 31ST MARCH 2025, WE WILL BE ENSURING THAT OUR FOOD, RECYCLING AND GENERAL WASTE ARE ALL DISPOSED OF SEPARATELY IN BINS PROVIDED.

IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS A PACKED LUNCH TO SCHOOL, THEY WILL NEED TO TAKE HOME THEIR RUBBISH AND UNEATEN FOOD.

OUR ECO SCHOOL TEAM WILL BE HELPING US TO PURCHASE NEW COLOURED BINS BY RUNNING A CHARITY DAY, LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

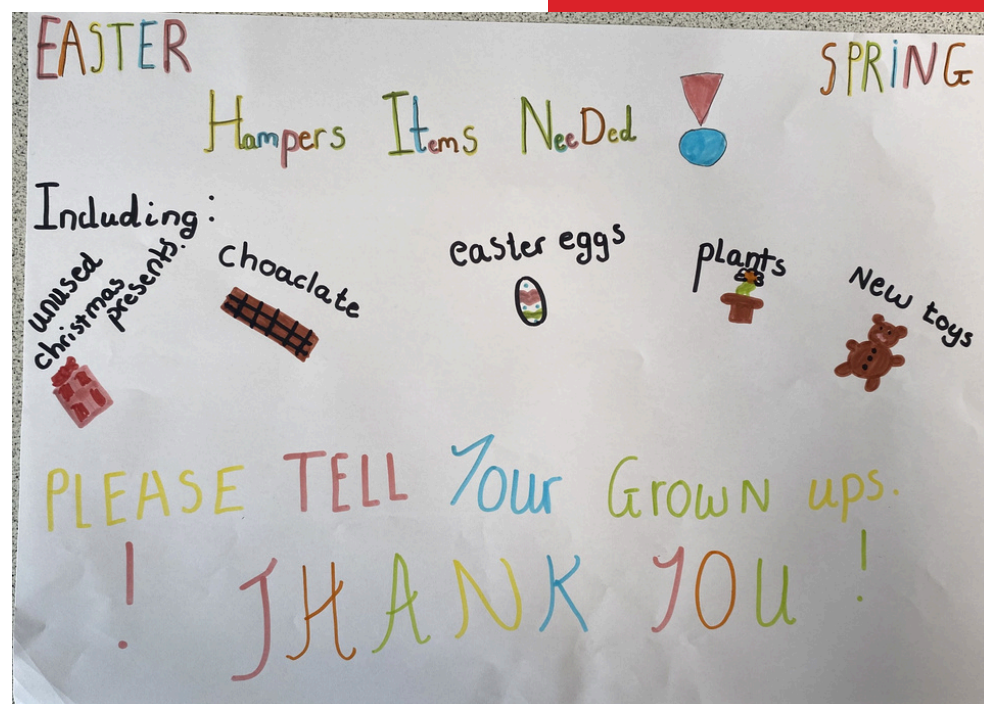


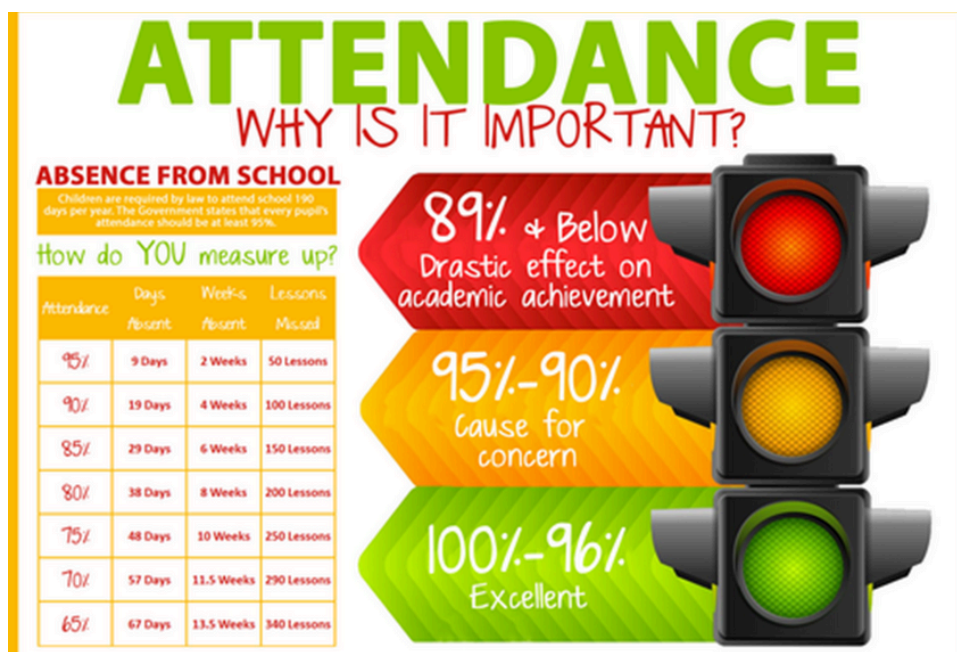
EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

MONDAY 31ST - FRIDAY 4TH

PLEASE SEND IN ANY DONATIONS NEXT
WEEK FOR THE EASTER HAMPER

RAFFLE SQUARES £1.00 IN THE CLASSES -
DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 11TH





PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR THE CMAT ATTENDANCE POLICY.
 POLICIES - BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PENALTY NOTICES, THE FOLLOWING COMES INTO FORCE FOR PENALTY NOTICE FINES ISSUED FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OCCURRING AFTER 19 AUGUST 2024
 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE (HOLIDAY) – PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OF 5 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND FOR FEWER DAYS WHERE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. (PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL BE NO LONGER ABLE TO AGREE TO AND AUTHORISE FAMILY HOLIDAYS)

10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD – OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN 10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD - PENALTY NOTICE FINES WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH PARENT FOR EACH CHILD WHO WAS ABSENT. FOR EXAMPLE: 3 SIBLINGS ABSENT FOR TERM TIME LEAVE WILL RESULT IN EACH PARENT RECEIVING 3 SEPARATE FINES.

FIRST OFFENCE – THE FIRST TIME A PENALTY NOTICE IS ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE THE AMOUNT WILL BE £160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD WHEN PAID WITHIN 28 DAYS. THIS IS REDUCED TO £80 PER PARENT PER CHILD IF PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS) – THE SECOND TIME A PENALTY NOTICE IS ISSUED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE THE AMOUNT WILL BE £160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD WHEN PAID WITHIN 28 DAYS. (THERE IS NO OPTION TO REDUCE TO £80 WITH AN EARLY PAYMENT)

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS) – THE THIRD TIME AN OFFENCE IS COMMITTED FOR TERM TIME LEAVE OR IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE A PENALTY NOTICE WILL NOT BE ISSUED. THE CASE WILL PROCEED TO THE MAGISTRATES' COURT. MAGISTRATE'S FINES CAN BE UP TO £2,500 PER PARENT, PER CHILD. CASES FOUND GUILTY IN MAGISTRATES' COURT CAN SHOW ON THE PARENT'S FUTURE DBS CERTIFICATE AND MAY IMPACT ON JOB APPLICATIONS AND TRAVEL ABROAD.

COURT PROSECUTIONS – PENALTY NOTICES WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE ISSUED. PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT WHERE THE LA CONSIDERS THAT A PENALTY NOTICE IS NOT APPROPRIATE DUE TO THE LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD'S ABSENCE, PROSECUTION ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

FURTHER GUIDANCE IS AVAILABLE ON THE GOV.UK WEBSITE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CHANGES AND THE NEW NATIONAL FRAMEWORK REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES, PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF. FINES FOR PARENTS FOR TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW – THE EDUCATION HUB (BLOG.GOV.UK)

LINKED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE IS PUNCTUALITY. SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT CHILDREN ARE HERE BEFORE THEN. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETIMES EASIER SAID THAN DONE AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, PLEASE SPEAK TO ONE OF US ON THE GATE.