



St. Philip Neri with St. Bede

"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."

**Newsletter Date:
Friday 4th December 2020**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Attendance this week: 98.1%
(Thursday – Thursday)

Nursery am	97.8%
Nursery pm	95.4%
FS2KW	98.3%
FS2TG	100%
Y1RB	98.0%
Y1MB/EH	97.2%
Y2ZJ	96.0%
Y2RT	99.3%
Y3HA	97.4%
Y3JS	99.3%
Y4AR	96.7%
Y4 SM	98.7%
Y5RA	98.7%
Y5MA	97.1%
Y6GM	97.0%
Y6NS	99.3%

Christmas Pantomime? Oh yes it is!

Panto fans were devastated to hear the news that Mansfield’s Palace Theatre would not be staging their annual Christmas pantomime this year, but never fear – Mossy is here!

Mansfield’s favourite panto star Adam Moss kept himself busy during lockdown, writing and performing in his own pandemic virtual panto, called ‘The COVID Christmas Panto’.

SPA (St. Philip’s Association) have very kindly paid for a special screening at school throughout next week. My sincere thanks to SPA for this; I know the children will love the opportunity to enjoy this virtual experience.

Dropping off and Picking Up Children



Parents—please keep your children with you at all times when dropping off and collecting. It is important for children to stay in their class bubbles and not mix; this key safety measure is essential as we endeavour to minimise the spread of Covid-19.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Peace**. This will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

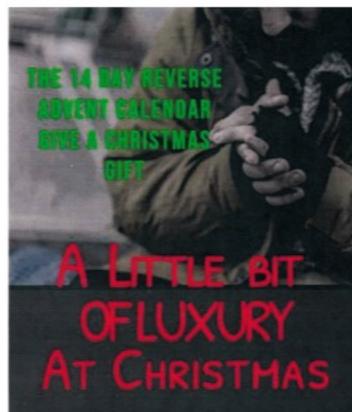


Bridge Street Foodbank & Soup Kitchen

At a time of year where we are encouraged by the Church to be more charitable, I am delighted that we wish to support the Bridge Street Foodbank and Soup Kitchen. As the temperatures drop, I’m sure we all spare a thought for the destitute and homeless. If you are able to make any donations, we will gladly pass these on to the foodbank, who will thoroughly appreciate your generosity.

Ideas for donations:

warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries, toothbrushes, tinned or packet food.



To keep everyone safe, please remember these rules when dropping off/collecting your child(ren):

- Please remember social distancing rules: remain 2m apart from others.;
- Use the Tesco Car Park;
- **Please do not drop off or pick up at the entrance barrier to the school car park;**
- Only use the school car park if you have a permit;
- For your own safety, do not walk under the electronic barriers at any time of the day;
- Please do not walk across the car park—it is dangerous.

LOL Trust Assembly

To begin the Holy Season of Advent, we took part in a Trust-wide Assembly on Monday. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to begin our preparations for Christmas. As a follow up, there will be a Trust assembly on **Tuesday 8th December at 7pm**. This will be conducted virtually through MS Teams and can be accessed from home. It is hoped that children can watch and take part in this assembly, along with their families. We will provide you with the access details via Class Dojo early next week.

Covid-19 Information

1. It is vital to the safety of our school community that you do not send your child to school if they, or someone in your household, is displaying one or more of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back;
- A new, continuous cough;
- A loss of taste or smell.

2. If your child or another member of your household has any of the above symptoms, or has had a positive test for Covid-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.

3. If a child in school shows symptoms of Covid-19 and they also have any siblings in school, parents must collect the symptomatic child and any siblings.

4. We strongly recommend that you get a test for the symptomatic person and let school know the result as soon as possible. If the test result is negative, the family can return to normal. If positive, you must continue to isolate and follow the track and trace guidelines. *(Please see the links at the bottom of this letter for details on how to access and administer a test.)*

5. We recognise that many children will become unwell with illnesses that are not coronavirus and that colds and runny noses are prevalent at this time of year. However, in line with government guidance, **any child in school who is found to have one of the coronavirus symptoms in school will be isolated and you will be asked to collect them and their siblings immediately**. We will advise you to follow the same procedures outlined above. Please ensure you are contactable at all times during the school day in case we need you to collect your child – we are unable to send your child home with anyone from outside of your household.

6. To keep our community safe, we must all adhere to Government guidelines outside of school too and stay at home, as per the New National Restrictions which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

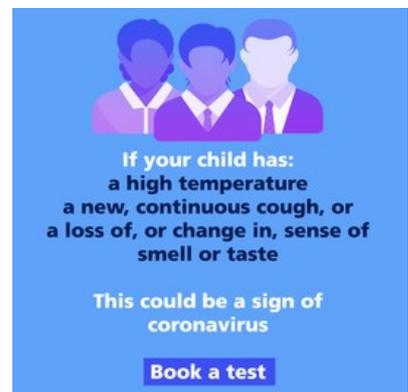
Booking A Test

Directions on how to get a home testing kit and how to register, carry out and return the kit can be found via the links below:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or

Call 119 for help in booking a test.



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**a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test