



St. Philip Neri with St. Bede

“We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives.”

Newsletter Date:
Friday 12th February 2020

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Remote Learning

At the end of what has been a challenging yet so productive half term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support and dedication with ensuring your child accesses live lessons and home learning. We are delighted to see that nearly all of our children are online daily, accessing their MS Teams lessons and engaging with their classmates. So many of you have been in touch to send positive messages to us — on behalf of the entire staff team, thank you for taking the time to do this.



Survey



You will know, only too well, that as a school, we always strive to do the very best that we can. If you have just a few minutes to spare, we'd really appreciate you taking the time to complete our short, remote learning survey. Your feedback is vital and enables us to reflect on and further develop what we do. This Parent Survey can be accessed here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8UPU45kt3k2YQ62yIHxQbKIsRN5fgddOhkvQBbBfuGFUMlpEQUVFSkIOUdhIRjYwRjFHV1JPSORHVi4u>

Family Club — The Lime Trees

I am delighted to inform you that I have secured a new provider to operate Breakfast and After School Clubs from the cabin, currently known as Family Club. It is anticipated that our new provider, The Lime Trees, will begin to offer provision before the Easter Holidays. An extensive makeover of the building will begin after half term. As part of this new agreement, The Lime Trees are looking to recruit new employees. If you would be interested to work for The Lime Trees, either during Breakfast and/or After School, interviews will take place next week, via MS Teams. An application form can be downloaded from [here](#). Please email your completed application form by **Sunday 14th February** to thelimetreesareamanager@gmail.com marked for the attention of Mel Rooney, Operations Manager.

After half term, you will receive further information to formally introduce you to The Lime Trees. In the meantime, you can find out more about the organisation on their website: www.thelimetrees.co.uk.



School closes to our vulnerable pupils and children of Critical Workers on **Friday 12th February**.

School reopens for our vulnerable pupils and children of Critical Workers on **Monday 22nd February**.

Parents' Evening

In previous years, we have held Parents' Evening in the Lent Term. As school is currently closed to the majority of pupils, we have decided to postpone this until after Easter. In the interim, class teachers will continue to contact Parents to check if we can support you further with remote learning. Please remember that you can contact school anytime, either via email, telephone or Class Dojo to talk about your child's learning or any concerns you may have.

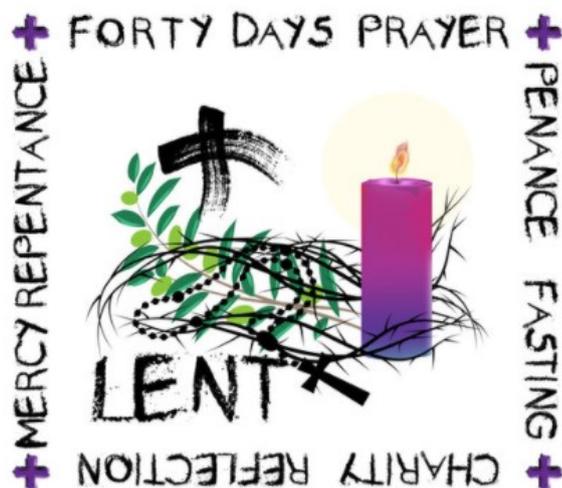
Epic! Reading

Engagement in Reading is fundamental to academic success but also provides us with such joy and relaxation. As such, we aim to do all that we can to encourage and support our children with reading for pleasure. Epic! is a phenomenal resource containing over 40,000 books for children access in their own time; it also contains a wide range of audiobooks. Epic! can be used on a range of devices, both on and offline. Please do check your child's

Class Dojo messages where you'll find login and set up instructions for using Epic! As always, if you have any problems, please let us know. As next week is Half Term and home learning will not be set, now is the perfect time to login and encourage reading each day.



Lent



Next week, we enter the most Holy Season of Lent, beginning as usual with Ash Wednesday. Lent provides us with six weeks of preparation for the death and resurrection of our Lord. Although we will mark this most important of seasons differently this year, our Liturgies in school will focus on Jesus's strength and sacrifice.

Yesterday, we celebrated our Trust's Feast Day — the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Here, we launched CAFOD's Walk for Water Challenge. This will form the basis of our charitable work during Lent. More details will follow after the Half Term break.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for week beginning Monday 22nd February is **Prayer**. This will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout that week.

