



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 25: 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lovely weather this week! There has been plenty of sunshine and smiles all week and it is greater to see some warmth returning! Please do make sure your children are still bringing their coats to school as we can expect the weather to be up and down over the next few months.

In an exciting week we have had our new KS1 and EYFS library installed. It is another magical forest! This has been funded solely by your contributions as parents and carers to our fundraising events, thank you so much. We need to put a few finishing touches to it and then we will have a Grand Opening!

This week in school we have had our Red Nose Day. It was great to see our students turning up and wearing red for such a wonderful cause! We appreciate all your efforts and donations. We have also had our Year 5 and Year 6 classes attending a hockey tournament at Holy Family. We are super proud of them!

Next week our Year 5 class are heading to Into University on Wednesday morning. There they'll learn about university and think about aspirations for the future. We have also got our Parents Evening on the same night. Please make sure you have booked an appointment as soon as possible as it is important to see how your child is progressing in school. There will be an opportunity to look at books in classes before your appointment. Miss Casey will also be available to speak with you about and SEND needs your child may have. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment with her if you wish to speak with her.

We also have Year 1 visiting Manchester Museum next Friday!

Please also note that Sacramental Programme is now running during school time on Fridays – it is no longer running afterschool on a Thursday.

Punctuality

Last term we had an increase in lateness. Please make sure you bring your child into school on time. Arriving late consistently means your child will be missing out on valuable school time. This builds up over time and can affect your child's attainment our lessons start promptly at 9am. If your child is absent, please report this via Reach More Parents or by calling **0161 921 1865** and reporting it on option 4 **before 8:30. Please do not call the school office.** In line with our Safeguarding and Attendance Policies, any child whose reason for absence is not known by 9.15am is a cause for concern and school will text to find the reason. If school is not given a reason for absence, then the absence will be considered unauthorised. Five or more unauthorised absences will 'attract' the attention of the Local Authority and you could be liable to a fine.

Please can parents be reminded to pick their children up on time at 3:15 and on time for any after school activities? If you are unable to pick up your child on time due to external factors e.g. traffic, please contact the school office.



Safeguarding

We are always keen to work in partnership with you and if you have any concerns at all about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team.

Attendance

Our attendance is starting to decline this term. Please ensure that your child is in school as much as possible as you run the risk of being fined for repeated absences. Please see our attendance policy on our website. Our attendance this week is 91.45 %. We have had an increase of late arrivals recently; please ensure your child is brought to school on time. There is a direct relationship between the progress that children make in learning and having great attendance so please make sure your child is in school as much as possible. We appreciate all your support with the work we are doing. Well done to Year 5 who were this week's attendance winners with 95 %

Key Dates for this term:

26th March:		Year 5 Visit Into University– am only.
26th March:		3-5.45pm Parents' Evening
4th April:		CAFOD Fund Raising Day – Own Clothes Day £1.
4th April:		Bake Off Competition –and cake sale
14th April:		Holy Week begins. No Magic Monday.
14th April:		Easter Performance by Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal for pupils
15th April:		Easter Performance by Year 3 and 4 Parents welcome.
16th April:		Easter egg Raffle and Decorate the Egg Competition (50p to Enter).
17th April:		Stations of the Cross service led by Year 6. School closes at 2pm.

School Clubs

This term, school is running:

Multisports (Y1, Y2, and selected KS2) - Monday

Cookery Club – Tuesday

Football Club – Tuesday

Band - Wednesday

Ukulele - Wednesday

All after school clubs run from 3:15-4:15 on the aforementioned dates and cost £1.

Football Club, Multisports, and Cookery Club are all full.



Little Bonnies and Breakfast club are running each day after and before school respectively. Please book in for after school club beforehand at 07497 498 684.

We will keep you updated on any changes to school clubs.

CAFOD cake sale and Bake off

Next Friday we will be having a cake sale at break times where pupils are able to buy a selection of cakes and treats for between 20p and 50p. If you are able to donate any cakes for this event, preferably shop bought because of possible allergens, we would be very grateful

It is also this day we will be having our Bake Off competition. Entry for this is £1 and the money again goes towards CAFOD. All children and their families' are able to enter a cake into the competition which will be judged on Friday lunch time by a select group of tasters and the winner announced at assembly with an Amazon voucher among the prizes. .

School lunches

Please make sure that you choose your child's lunch before school via School Grid so that they are able to have their meal of choice. If there is no pre order completed, the default meal is a cheese sandwich. Please could I remind you as well to make sure that your ParentPay account is up to date as we are unable to allow pupils to take school meals once a debt has reached more than £25? If you are experiencing difficulties paying for lunches please speak with a member of our leadership team.

ParentPay

Please can all parents check their ParentPay accounts for any monies outstanding to school especially for school meals, Little Bonnies and Breakfast Club. If you are experiencing difficulties paying, please call into school to speak to a member of staff.

Class Dojo

Can I please remind parents to be mindful of the times that messages are being sent to staff, the hours that the staff can respond to you will be from 08:00am up until 5pm Monday to Friday, during term time only. We still have a few parents who are not signed up to Class Dojo, please let the office know if you need your log in code please ask at the school office.

Reach more parents

Please ensure you have access to Reach More Parents as all primary carers have been emailed log in details. If you are still having issues accessing Reach More Parents, please contact the school office.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Nicole (N) Kallie Rae (R) Ada (1) Gracious (2) Ife (2) Harry (3) Lachlan (5) and Miss Richardson enjoy your celebrations.

Congratulations to our star pupils this week who have been chosen by their teachers for a special mention.



Have a great weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Groarke