



## ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year. It was a real pleasure to see so many happy faces when school opened on Tuesday, especially the parents! Everyone seemed really happy to be back and we have had a lovely settled week in school. It was great to welcome all our new starters, both children and adults and they have all settled in well.

I hope that you all had lovely summer holidays and that you enjoyed a bit of rest and a little sunshine. We have been blessed with good weather this week which has helped to keep everyone smiling.

Our aim this year is to have a great year at St. Boniface's, filled with laughter, learning and love and we are looking forward to working alongside you to provide the best for your children.

This week in school, five of our Year 6 pupils were able to go with Mrs Rose to Total Ninja on Tuesday to meet with Phantom and Dynamite, two Gladiators, to work with them on a BBC project. It was a brilliant day by all accounts and the children represented us so well. We are hoping to provide many more exciting opportunities for our children throughout the year.

### **Safeguarding**

Don't forget that if you have any concerns or worries about a child or an adult, or if you have seen something that concerns you please come and speak to one of our safeguarding team. Safeguarding and keeping everyone in our community safe is our top priority at St. Boniface and we appreciate your support in helping us to fulfil this duty. If there is something that you think we could improve regarding safeguarding then please come and speak to us as well. Our designated safeguarding team are Miss Campbell, Mrs Rose and myself.

### **Attendance**

Good attendance and punctuality is essential for your child to reach their full potential. This is our top school priority for the year. By having good attendance it means we can ensure that all children are accessing their full entitlement or provision. The school day is packed with learning and any days missed really count. We will do our best to make sure that any missed learning is caught up but if a child has very low attendance, e.g. below 90% , this becomes more difficult as learning moves at a fast pace, so your help making sure your children are in school is very much needed.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance, as your child is missing crucial instructions and information regarding the day's lessons, and more often than not it is uncomfortable for your child to walk into a full classroom late. We start our lessons promptly every day with times tables, spellings, reading and maths work.

The government issued guidance and began to implement changes to attendance legislation that have previously not been statutory. Schools are required to show that they are addressing any issues



around extended sickness and holiday absence. Please do not feel offended when asked for proof of absence as this is required when your child's absences fall below 90% as this is part of our policy and procedures. As always we appreciate your support in working on this issue together.

## **Values**

Our six core values are: Love, Community, Faith, Respect, Honesty and Worth. We will be looking at each of these values and referring to them throughout the year in all aspects of our school life. We want them to be embedded in our school culture. Please take the time to talk to you children about what these values mean to you.

## **Welcome**

A huge welcome to our new staff: Mr Lewis, Miss Riley and Miss Calvert. We hope that you will feel very welcome as part of our St Boniface family. You may also have been seeing some other relatively new faces around the school, these are Mrs Basson who is working across a couple of classes as a cover teacher and Mrs Bolton and Mr Groarke who are working in the office on the administrative side of the school. Please say hello to all our new faces and make them very welcome.

## **Uniform**

Everyone looked really smart returning to school this week. School uniform consists of a school jumper or cardigan, light blue shirt, grey/black trousers or skirt/pinafore and white, a tie, grey or black socks/tights, and black shoes. For PE days children will need a PE kit. The PE kit is a plain white tee shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. Please make sure that all items of uniform including PE kit are labelled clearly with your child's name.

## **Swimming**

Swimming for Year 4 resumes next week on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Magic Monday**

On Monday we are beginning our trial of Magic Mondays when pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be having a very active learning day. All children in these classes will need a PE kit for this day. There will also be a lot of outside activity. It is our first try of this and I know that the staff are both excited and nervous. I hope that it proves to be a really successful way of beginning the week.

## **Mass**

Next Friday at 9.15 am we will be having mass in school for the start of our new school year. You are all very welcome to attend and we would love to see you there.

## **After School Clubs**

We will have some more after school clubs running over the next few weeks. We are starting straight away next week Craft club, Football Club, Recorder Club and a Sports Club. Please check on Parent pay for more details. Clubs will change every half term so that we are able to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every child.



## **Booster Groups**

From the week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will be running after school booster groups or pupils in Year 6 who would benefit from an extra focused session working on Maths or English. If your child is invited to attend these sessions please support them in doing so.

## **Sacramental Programme**

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you would like them to make their Holy Communion this year, please contact me as soon as possible and register your interest. We will be running the Sacramental programme after school on a Tuesday this year for 45 minutes each week starting from after the October half term.

## **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. We have changed lunch times to make things quieter for everyone and to give the children more space to play on the playgrounds. This has been working well this week.

We are also going to introduce a Golden Table from next week where the lunchtime stars who show good manners and great lunch behaviour will get a treat and get to sit at the Golden Table with a member of the SLT. There will be extra cake!

## **Playground Equipment**

Please can parents not allow children to play on the playground equipment before and after school. School cannot accept responsibility for any injuries.

## **Robinwood**

Very soon our year 6 pupils will be going with Miss Clayton, Miss Charlesworth and Mr Sixsmith to Robinwood for their residential. If you have any questions about this please send Miss Clayton a message via Class Dojo and she will get back to you.

## **Important Dates**

16/09/2024	-	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
30/09/2024	-	Year 5 Bikeability
30/09/2024	-	Year 6 at Into University all week
02/10/2024	-	Little Bonnies closed (staff training)
08/10/2024	-	Individual photographs
08/10/2024	-	Team Teach Claire Gatsby in school
16/10/2024	-	Little Bonnies closed (staff training)
17/10/2024	-	School closes at 3-15pm for half term
29/10/2024	-	School re-opens
31/10/2024	-	Halloween Disco (3-30 – 4-30 EYFS & KS1)
31/10/2024	-	Halloween Disco (5-00 – 6.15 KS2)
13/11/2024	-	Year 3 visiting Chester Zoo
14/11/2024	-	Non uniform day in exchange for bottles



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| 15/11/2024 | - | Year 4 visiting Chester Zoo                |
| 22/11/2024 | - | Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate  |
| 28/11/2024 | - | Christmas Fair 3-15pm                      |
| 11/12/2024 | - | EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2-15pm                 |
| 12/12/2024 | - | Panto in school                            |
| 17/12/2024 | - | Christmas dinner and parties               |
| 18/12/2024 | - | No Little Bonnies                          |
| 19/12/2024 | - | Winter Wonderland and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 20/12/2024 | - | 1.30 Carols around the crib                |
| 20/12/2024 | - | School closes for Christmas at 2pm         |

#### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Miss Green, Anayah, Kruz, Marianna, and Nadine Sophie  
Congratulations to our star pupils this week who have been chosen by their teachers for a special mention.

Thank you for helping us to have a great start to the new year and we look forward to working with you as always. Have a lovely weekend

God bless

Mrs Groarke