



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting into the swing of things with our second autumn term. Despite the days growing shorter and darker, our children have shone brightly this week. We have plenty of exciting events on the horizon with Christmas coming in around seven weeks. Next week, Year 3 and Year 4 will be heading to Chester Zoo. We will also have a Non-Uniform Day and a Pyjama Day next week. Please remember to bring in your bottle donations for the Christmas fair on Non-Uniform Day and bring in a £1 donation for Pyjama Day. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if any of our families know of anyone that can donate prizes, we would be most grateful.

Upcoming Events:

- 13th November: Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo
- 14th November: Non Uniform day for Bottle donation for Christmas Fair
- 15th November: Year 3 trip to Chester Zoo
- 15th November: Children in Need -Pyjama Day £1
- 19th November: Pyjama day year 3
- 21st November: Parents' Meeting for Sacramental Programme 3.15-3.45pm
- 22nd November: Non Uniform day for chocolate donation for Christmas fair
- 24th November: Presentation mass -sacramental programme children at St Thomas's church 11am
- 28th November: Christmas Fair in school 3.15-5 15pm
- 29th November: Year 2 Trip to Manchester Airport
- 3rd December: Advent wreath blessing service 9.15am in school
- 4th December: Year 6 taster session at All Hallows
- 10th December: Nativity production for EYFS parents 2pm
- 11th December: Nativity production for KS1 parents 2pm
- 12th December: Pantomime for whole school 9.30 am
- 17th December: Christmas lunch and party day- wear your Christmas party clothes
- 19th December: Winter Wonderland day £1 donation- wear your Christmas jumper
- 20th December: Carols at the crib 1.15pm
- 20th December: School closes for Christmas Holidays at 2pm



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.

Please may I politely remind you to only use the designated paths for entry and exit from school. Please also take care when moving around the building as there are large numbers of people moving at once. Keep in mind you must not park and stop within the “keep clear” zones outside school; there have been some near misses and it is essential that we remain vigilant about safety on the roads.

Attendance

We were thrilled with how great our attendance was last term and we are starting to see the impact it is making on the progress of our pupils. Please do keep this up so that we can achieve 96% for the next half term. Around this time of year, there are plenty of viruses and bugs spreading around, so please encourage your children, as we will do, to keep washing their hands and using tissues to stay as healthy as they can. If your child has a cold or a sniffle, please still send them into school with some appropriate medicine so that they are able to keep accessing their learning. If you are unsure whether your child should come in, please contact the school office in good time.

This week attendance for the whole school was 95.8% well done Year 2 who were this week's attendance winners with 98.2%.

Uniform

School uniform consists of a school jumper or cardigan, light blue shirt, grey/black trousers or skirt/pinafore, 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. Don't forget that Magic Monday's children are allowed to be in their PE kit all day. We will be working outside on Forest Schools this half term on a Monday so please make sure that your child has a coat with them.

After School Clubs

This term we have on offer: Dance and Gym, Ukulele, Choir, Football Club, and Christmas Craft 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. From next half term to help cover the cost of the resources we will need to charge £1 per child per club. This will help us keep the after school extracurricular provision improving.

Please note that there is no charge for the Sacramental Programme group, Booster group or the Wellbeing club as these are funded via a different means.



Booster Groups

We are running after school booster groups for 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

The preparation for this began this week on Tuesday. The sessions run each week on a Thursday from 3.15-4pm with myself and Mrs Moran. Please let us know if your child wishes to make their first Holy Communion this year. If you wish to have your child make their first Holy Communion but they are to yet baptised, please contact me as soon as possible.

School lunches

I can heartily recommend the tasty lunches Mrs Blair provides. 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.

Reach more parents

You should have received your login now for ReachMoreParents. This is to make things easier to report absences and to find information. Here you will find a newsletter, pictures and updates. You will be able to pay for school costs through this app. You should have been sent a welcome email with the ability to log on. Further details will be given out to you alongside an explanation of how to navigate the app. If you have any questions on how to utilise the app, please contact the school office.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Arlo, Layton, Kanan and Brandon– enjoy your celebrations.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Groarke