



## ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy half term. Even though it has only been six weeks we seem to have crammed so much in. May I take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your support with all we are trying to achieve for our pupils? Your support and cooperation is invaluable and we really see the result of your efforts. Thank you.

This week we have been completing lots of assessments but we have also had time for an Ash Wednesday celebrations mass, some pancake races, a Year 2 assembly, a Year 5 trip and two discos. None of these are possible without the hard work and commitment of all of our staff. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for how hard they work to provide the best for your children.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is the concern of all of us and covers such a wide range of areas. If you have any concerns regarding any child please contact one of our school safeguarding team and we will be very happy to help you. Over the course of the holiday you will still be able to contact us via the school email if you have any concerns or if you are unable to make contact please contact The Bridge to seek advice.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance target is 96% and we are well on our way to achieving this but we do need a big push at making sure our classes reach their target. It is vital that children are in school every day on time so that they do not miss any learning time. We really appreciate your support with this. The attendance raffle was drawn today and congratulation to our lucky families who won a prize for their child and for parents. We will be running this again next half term so keep on getting in to school on time. The more often you are in the more chances you have to win.

### **School Disco**

Huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Wallworth who put together two brilliant playlists for our discos. It was a joy, albeit a bit noisy, to see how much both groups of children enjoyed themselves. Even better was the manner in which every child without exception behaved. What a great community we have!

### **Staffing**

Sadly, we have to say goodbye today to Mrs Russell, our KS1 cleaner. On behalf of all of our St Boniface community I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedicated service to our school, especially all those little extras she does that people do not realise! Her commitment has been very much appreciated and we will really miss her. She has decided to take a well-earned rest from the job but will still be around with her cheerful smile and helping us with our garden and grounds.



Other staffing news is that Mrs Moran will be teaching Year 2 on a Monday and Tuesday morning with Mrs Mellor teaching in the afternoon. Reception class will be covered by Mrs Holme on Monday and by Mrs Basson on a Tuesday.

Mr Sixsmith will be on a six week placement at another school for the next half term but will be being replaced by two apprentice teachers, one in Year 5 and one in Year 2. I am sure that you will make them very welcome.

### **Breakfast club**

Please can I make you aware that we will be opening breakfast club at the new time of 7.45am from the 26<sup>th</sup> February? This is to help parents who might need to get to work by 8 am and to ensure our pupils are safeguarded.

### **Mass**

We enjoyed a lovely mass celebration with Fr Alphonsus for Ash Wednesday and were pleased to have some parishioners join us too. It was a little late starting as Father had managed to lock himself in the church! All the children who participated were very well behaved.

### **Year 5 Trip**

On Thursday our year 5 class visited Jodrell Bank where they were highly praised for their excellent behaviour by both the staff and members of the public. It is great to hear such positive things about our school.

### **Year 2 Assembly**

Year 2 were amazing in their assembly this week. They taught us all a lovely song and were super impressive knowing their words off by heart. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come.

### **Birthdays**

Happy birthday this week to Ann Miya and Prince- Nseka. We hope that you all had lovely celebrations

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

Have a lovely week off and we will see you again at 8.45 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

God bless

Mrs Groarke