



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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Mission Statement

*“St Nicholas is a welcoming Catholic community where together we pray,
live and learn with Jesus Christ.”*

Newsletter 1 - 3rd September 2010

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a good break over the summer and I am looking forward to hearing about all of the interesting experiences the children have had over the past six weeks. It was good to see everyone back yesterday and I have been impressed with the excellent start the children have made to the new school year.

Papal visit

As you are no doubt aware, Pope Benedict will be visiting the UK later this month (16-19th September). We are preparing for this event in school through a series of assemblies over the next few weeks. We will also have an opportunity to take part in the *Big Assembly* on Friday 19th September through a live video link up to London, where children from schools across the country will be gathering to meet for this special occasion. Parents will be welcome to join us for this event and I will send further information out about timings as soon as I know.

Collecting children at the end of the day

In order to help staff see children off the premises safely, please let us know if someone other than a parent will be collecting children on a regular basis.

Dinners

Dinners are £9 per week or £64.80 for this half term. Friday lunches are starting again next Friday 10th September - please refer to the separate letter sent out yesterday about this.

Uniform

As we start a new academic year, I feel it is important to remind everyone about our school uniform. Please take note of the attached list. Thank you for your support.

I have also attached a list of diary dates for this term and a list of term dates for this academic year for your reference.

Best Wishes

M A Emery
Headteacher

All our knowledge, even the most simple, is always a minor miracle, since it can never be fully explained by the material instruments that we apply to it. In every truth there is something more than we would have expected, in the love that we receive there is always an element that surprises us.

Pope Benedict XVI

UNIFORM LIST

Clothing

Grey skirt, grey trousers or pinafore dress for girls

Grey trousers for boys

Gold polo T-Shirt with school logo

Blue school sweatshirt with logo

Summer dress - blue and white dresses for girls

Grey shorts for boys, if desired

For most formal occasions, the gold polo-neck T-Shirt with school logo will be suitable. On the rare occasions when ties are needed, ties may be borrowed from school.

Items with the school logo may be purchased from 'Clive Mark Schoolwear'.

Footwear

Parents are asked to provide **sensible flat** footwear. Trainers are not considered to be suitable for general wear.

PE Kit

Gold round-neck T-Shirt and plain navy blue shorts without ties (ties on shorts can be dangerous if they catch in gym apparatus) and pumps. Each child should have a bag suitable for holding PE kit, with his/her name clearly marked upon them.

Art & Craft

To protect clothing when children are handling messy materials, an overall or old shirt is very useful.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not allowed, apart from watches. Only stud earrings for pierced ears may be worn.

Hair

Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back using plain, school coloured headbands/ bobbles.

Important

All clothing including shoes should be marked with the child's name.

Dates for your diary

8 September	9.30am - Start of year mass in Church.
9 September	8.30am - School nurse drop in session. 7pm - Open evening at Bishop Walsh for parents of children in year 6.
13 September	7.30pm - PFA meeting in school hall.
17 September	The Big Assembly - details to follow.
24 September	Macmillan Coffee morning in school
1 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day.
4 October	INSET day - school closed to children.
8 October	New Starters Disco
12 October	7pm - Parent Forum meeting at school.
13 October	11am - Harvest Mass in school.
20 October	Parents evenings 4-6pm
21 October	Parents evenings 4-6pm
22 October	Year 2 class assembly

Term dates for this year

Autumn Term 2010

Thursday 02 September (Wednesday 01 September is an INSET day) to Friday 22 October
Monday 04 October is an INSET day and is closed to children
Half Term Holiday: Monday 25 Oct to Friday 29 Oct (1 week)
Monday 01 November to Friday 17 December
Christmas Holiday 2010: Monday 20 Dec to Monday 03 Jan (2 weeks)

Spring Term 2011

Tuesday 04 January to Friday 18 February
Half Term Holiday: Monday 21 Feb to Friday 25 Feb (1 week)
Monday 28 February to Friday 08 April
Easter Holiday 2011: Monday 11 April to Monday 25 April (2 weeks)

Summer Term 2011

Tuesday 26 April to Friday 27 May
Half Term Holiday: Monday 30 May to Friday 03 June (1 week)
Monday 06 June to Friday 22 July
Summer Holiday 2011: Monday 25 July to Wednesday 31 August (5.5 weeks)

We have been given an additional INSET day for this year so there are a further 4 dates to be finalised. You will be notified of these later this term.