



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

29th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome back pupils and staff to the first week of the Summer Term. This is a busy term with lots going on so please continue to read the weekly newsletter and monitor Parentmail. Class newsletters will be published soon; these will give you an overview of the curriculum content which will be covered in each class this term.

God who Speaks

"Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish." (John 21)

In this weekend's Gospel we are told of another of the Risen Jesus' visits to His Apostles. Jesus breaks bread with His Apostles in an act which reminds them of the Last Supper and us of the Mass. Please hold in your prayers our Year 3 class who begin next weekend to receive the Lord in Eucharist for the first time.

Year 3 retreat day

Today our Year 3 class was treated to a visit from Dan Callow at One Life Music. Dan led the class in a First Holy Communion themed retreat. This time off timetable allowed the class to focus on their spiritual preparation for the forthcoming Sacrament. A great time was had by all.

Wednesday Word - follow the link below to enjoy the Gospel as a family

[Lent/Easter Card - Magazine - Page 5 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://paperturn-view.com)

Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focusing on a new pair of Gospel Virtues, **GRATEFUL & GENEROUS**.

*At St. Nicholas School we are striving to be **grateful** for our own God-given gifts and the gift of other people.
We strive to be **generous** with our gifts to show that we live for others as Jesus taught us to.*

As previously, school staff will be looking out for pupils who are living out these virtues and inviting them to get a Gospel Virtues wristband from Mrs Noble-Barton. Congratulations to Liam in Year 5 who received the first of this half term's wristbands this week.

May is the month of Mary

Throughout the month of May, we remember Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus. She was a life-giving caregiver for our saviour and she remains so for us today. Pupils will be learning and praying the Marian devotions as well as studying artwork depicting events in the life of our Blessed Mother. On Thursday we will be having a short service in school to crown Our Lady.

Attendance

The correct place for your child to be on a school day is in their lessons. Please continue to be vigilant over your child's attendance. We monitor attendance regularly and communicate with parents whose child/ren sink below 90% attendance. An attendance figure below 90% represents a lot of missed lessons and lost learning.

Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check

The above check had to be rescheduled due to illness of the nurse, it will now take place on **Wednesday 4th May**. If you had let us know that you wished your child to be opted out, there is no need to let us know again - all permissions will carry over to this rearranged date.

SEND Parent Webinars in May

Birmingham Children's Trust have sent us details of three SEND parent webinars which will be run in May on a variety of topics. Please see the flyers attached to this email.

Bake Sale

Some community minded Year 4 pupils wish to raise money for a children's hospice so they will be holding a bake sale in the hall on Friday (6th) break time. If you wish your child to be able to purchase a cake or biscuit, please send them to school on Friday with some money in an envelope. Each item is £1.

Home Phonics Link

Please click the link below for a recap of information on the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme we follow at St Nicholas.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeah6YbQd6q5klckqu/edit>

Orange: 'oi'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dleAhTIJ/PHLV9CLT>

Green- 'ay' 'ee'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/daRAMsMM/O2L09zFo>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MwtXfMGP/sqsryekP>

Red- 'm' 'a' 'd' 't'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ks7NMz1Q/1ab7PUuq>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iWIihYM5/3Jq8J81O>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pOuAhXN6/NQqmhcMQ>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aJOAX1tC/rGuB1WbR>

Blue- 'ow'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PVC3bJ7g/vUTCUyuk>

Purple- 'igh'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5fOogqJq/QHmP6bk6>

Grey- 'oo' 'u-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/y6ZayMb7/HADhNpDB>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/A7qK5d7Y/sKCDenQE>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4FtS0cUE/PTjfXFrw>

Dates for your diary

2nd May	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
7th May	Year 3 pupils begin to make their FHC - this lasts over several weeks
w/c 9th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs Week
w/c 16th & 23rd May	KS1 (Year 2) SATs will be administered
26th May @ 1.30pm	Whole School Mass in church - Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
w/c 30th May	Half Term - school close
6th June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
7th June	School reopens for second half of the Summer Term

God bless,

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Executive Principal

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Head of School

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Acting Vice Principal