



*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**God who speaks**

Today saw the funeral of Mr John Farrell, former Principal of Bishop Walsh Catholic School and CSEL of the St John Paul II MAC. We hold Mr Farrell and his family in our prayers:

*"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him." Thessalonians 4:13-14*

**Wednesday Word**

The Wednesday Word is a wonderful resource. Please do use this resource to share in the Gospel as a family:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=37.18>

**Year 4 Sacraments**

Mrs Noble-Barton has modified the R.E. long term plan for Y4 to ensure that pupils will revise and recap what they need to know to underpin their sacramental preparation. Please continue to pray at home with your child and attend Mass either in person or via a livestream as this is the very best preparation.

Father Allen will use the following, simple, Act of Contrition during the Sacrament of Reconciliation so praying this as a family in advance would help:

*Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

**Parents' information sessions - Reading**

A huge 'thank you' to those of you who responded to our recent questionnaire on home reading. We have made some changes to the way we support pupils in their reading which affect all year groups.

In order that we can communicate these changes clearly we are inviting you to an information session held in school and led by Mrs Noble-Barton and Miss Smith.

Dates are as follows:

**Reception & Year 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am**

**Years 2,3 & 4: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am**

**Years 5 & 6: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am**

Please do try to attend or send someone to attend on your behalf. If you cannot attend we will send out a recording of the session along with a pack of resources.

**Achievement Assembly**

It was wonderful to celebrate our first Achievement Assembly 'face to face' today. Please remember that any certificate or medal to be presented in Friday assembly must be brought to school by Wednesday and the details emailed to [assembly@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:assembly@stnicholassutton.org.uk) Thank you.

**Prospective Parents' Open Sessions**

Do you or someone you know have a child due to start school in September 2022? If so, would you like to attend one of our open sessions to have a tour of the school and ask any questions you may have about the admissions process? We would love to see you during one of our open sessions. Times and dates are below.

**Please telephone the school office on 0121 355 2649 to book in to your preferred slot:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November: 9.15am

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: 1.30pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 11am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November: 2.30pm

### **Twitter**

If you have requested to follow us @StNicholasCP and you have not been admitted, this may be because your Twitter handle does not adequately identify you. If this is the case, please ring the school office to let us know.

Please rest assured that our Twitter account is private. Only those who we have vetted will be allowed access to our platform.

### **INSET Days**

Please note that Friday 22nd October 2021 will be an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils.

Friday 1st July 2022 is also an INSET day. There is then one INSET day remaining yet to be scheduled.

### **Speech and Language Parent Workshops**

On the 6th and 7th October, Birmingham City Council are running a parent webinar focused around speech sounds. The webinar will give you practical ideas around supporting your child's speech sound development. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Birmingham City Council Parent/Carer webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website (<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk>) for further details.

### **Governance for our diverse Catholic School Communities**

Are you over 18, a practising Catholic and interested in supporting and challenging Catholic schools in our area to deliver outstanding outcomes for children?

Why not become a foundation governor?

To find out more: <https://youtu.be/UkazuzRg8r8>

Contact us at [enquiry@sjp2.net](mailto:enquiry@sjp2.net) if you are interested in an excellent opportunity to give something back to the community whilst getting some high quality professional development. We would love to hear from you!

### **Earring tape**

If your child has pierced ears and the studs cannot be removed for PE, please provide your child with some micro pore tape to cover the studs during PE. Please note that only studs should be worn.

### **School photographers**

Academy Photography will be in on Friday 24th September to take class photographs. This will be all classes.

### **Dates for your diary**

24th September	Class photographs
27th-29th September	Y6 rearranged trip to Alton Castle
1st October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
4th October	Flu Vaccinations
22nd October	INSET Day - school closed to pupils

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Acting Head of School

Miss Ramsden  
Acting Vice Principal