



*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

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18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**God who speaks**

It's wonderful to see how well our pupils are journeying through Lent, practising prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lenten prayer below is taken from the Missal and would be nice to pray at home as a family;

God of Power and might,  
we praise you through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who comes in your name.  
He is the Word that brings your salvation.  
He is the hand you stretch out to sinners.  
He is the way that leads to your peace.  
God our Father,  
We had wandered far from you,  
but through your Son you have bought us back.  
You gave him up to death so that we might turn again to  
you and find our way to one another.

**CAFOD walk**

A huge 'thank you' to you all for supporting the 'Walk against hunger' last Friday. The children (and staff!) did so well and were really motivated to follow God's call to help those who are in need. We are grateful to St Mary's College, Oscott for being the destination for KS2's walk and to five of their seminarians who led us in a liturgy in their beautiful chapel. We left feeling that our faith had been renewed.

Events like this really show the Catholic Life of our school and ensure that we are helping to nurture **faith & vocation** in our pupils. At the time of writing this, the total on Just Giving was £1477. The page will accept donations until the end of term so if you haven't donated and you are in a position to, please help us get to that magical £2000 mark!

**Gospel Virtues**

Wow! A bumper week for Gospel Virtue wristbands. The following pupils have received an 'Intentional and Prophetic' wristband for living our current Gospel Virtues:

Javier (Y6), Dan & Owen (Y5), Gracie & Matilda (Y6), Frankie & Nancy (Y1), Ahara (Y2), Nina (Y2), Jessica, Emily & Robyn (Y1), Saffron (Y3) Josh (Y3), Orla & Jimmy (Y2), Tom L (Y6), Cora (Y3), All of Y6, Kitty (Y3), Sophia (Y3), Liam (Y3), Freddy (Y2), Jimmy (Y2), Paddy & Beaumont (Y1) & Leo (Y1).

Well done all!

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=55.13>

**Year 3's Sacramental Journey**

Please keep Year 3 in your prayers as they start to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children will be receiving this sacrament with their families and parish during the parish Lenten services of Reconciliation. This beautiful sacrament is where we can encounter the forgiveness and compassion of our Lord. What a wonderful moment in their young lives.

### **Non-uniform day - Friday 25th March**

Friday 25th March is a non-uniform day to support Ukraine. This was done across the MAC a couple of weeks ago but we delayed it due to diary clashes. Pupils to wear colours of the Ukraine flag in return for a £1 donation.

### **PFA Mothers' Day Tea**

The PFA are celebrating Mothers' Day with our hugely popular

🌸 Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea 🌸 on Thursday 24th March from 3.45-5pm, tickets are on sale now at: [www.PTA-events.co.uk/stnickspfa](http://www.PTA-events.co.uk/stnickspfa)

It's an afternoon to celebrate YOU with spaces limited to Mums, Grandmothers & special caregivers. School children will be taken off while you enjoy bottomless tea & coffee, an array of cakes and a raffle with fabulous prizes.

It's wonderful that we can now finally do this event together ❤️

Tickets are £5 for adults & £2 for pre-school children.

### **Author visit - Sutton Library - EYFS & KS1**

Please see attached the flyer about an event at Sutton Library taking place on Saturday 26th March. Booking is necessary - details are on the flyer.

### **KS2 Passion Play (formerly known as The Easter Play!)**

Tickets for this event will be available from this week. We will communicate to you when these go live. Please note that there will be a strict number per family and we will not be able to deviate from this. Thank you.

### **Phonics Home Links**

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/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeah6YbQd6g5klckqu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111633488629756352211&rtpof=true&sd=true>

#### **Red - 'c' 'k' 'u' 'b' 'f'**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Z2sScf4x/DYvmFYfn>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8tRR8ga0/tQsHuMKp>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8tRR8ga0/tQsHuMKp>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/s6UpzI42/LGDLTXH1>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/igfMbX8S/Wx4X6zPT>

#### **Green - 'ee'**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/f7Iz7K9I/qDIgQwcc>

#### **Pink - 'or' 'ar'**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Wrw7ZEfq/9wCv05xm>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JRaCXTWu/rKPemmOA>

#### **Blue- 'er' 'ur' 'are'**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Iq5IbhYM/CrIAJN0V>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4OM0QbrF/Y7ZocypM>  
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4OM0QbrF/Y7ZocypM>

#### **Grey- "are" and "ur"**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aakAqIzX/BRkSmclm>

**Dates for diary**

- 24/3 PFA Mothers' Day Tea
- 25/3 Non-uniform day - colours of Ukraine flag £1
- 29/3 Reception & Y6 height & weight checks
- 5/4 KS2 Passion Play performance @ 9.15am in school hall - ticket only
- 6/4 KS2 Passion Play performance @ 9.15am in school hall - ticket only
- 8/4 End of Spring Term - school breaks up for Easter
- 25/4 First day of Summer Term - all pupils back in school
- 6/6 INSET Day - school closed to pupils

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby  
Acting Vice Principal

