



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

[Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family](#)

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues

During this half term we are focusing on becoming more ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL. The following pupils have earned eloquent & truthful wristbands this week: Niamh (Y2), Henry (Y2), Jimmy (Y3), Thomas (Y3), Charlotte (Y6), Jacob (Y5), Florence (Y5) & Emily (Y5).

Odd Sock Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Jasper's 'Odd Sock Day' on Friday. The total raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital at the time of writing was £107.20. You can still donate £1 next week if you wish - thank you.

Stories After Dark - 31/1/23 (rearranged from November)

Children will be welcomed back into school at 5:30pm on **Tuesday 31st January** to read stories by lamplight. They can attend in their pyjamas, have a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit and share stories with their friends and teachers. Children need to be collected promptly at 6:45pm. Collection arrangements will be the same as school discos; please enter through the KS2 gate, collect your child from the school hall and leave through the front door. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this and to school staff for helping out.

PFA Valentines Disco - Tuesday 14th February

Calling all cupids! Our excellent PFA will be running a Valentines Disco on Tuesday 14th February. The disco will run from 3.30pm to 5pm. The PFA will be sending out ticket information soon.

Beauty and the Beast

Attached is a flyer about the above pantomime which is taking place at Sutton Town Hall in February. One of our families, The Biddells, will be starring in and producing it!

Rare Dementia details

On Friday 10th February we will be having a 'Pyjama Day' to raise money for a charity called Rare Dementia Support. Darcey in Y4 has instigated this as she has personal experience of knowing someone who has been affected by this awful disease. The Grandmother of another of our St Nicholas families is an ambassador for this charity, she can be found at Boldmere Bistro at the Sutton Rose Care Home on St Michael's Road every Wednesday, and raises funds for the charity by making an abundance of crochet items such as toys, decorations. Anyone needing help or support can drop in during any Wednesday. Details can be found below:

Pauline Ross

Email polly.rossrds@btinternet.com

Phone 07815 285 876

Her Instagram page to purchase crochet items for fundraising is [sea_horsecreations](#)

Webpage www.raredementiasupport.org

Singing Community Choirs

Attached is a flyer about a community choir open for children to join with an offer of six free taster sessions.

January's word of the month

A new year brings a new month and a new word to support our growing vocabulary at St Nicholas. January's word is **arduous**. We look forward to seeing the children use this word to up-level their writing. If you have any suggestions for February's word, please let Miss Smith know.

Parents' Evening Dates - Spring Term

Some advance notice for your diary, Spring Term Parents' Evenings will be held on the following:

Tuesday 28/3 Parents' Evening: first appointment at 3.45pm / last appt. at 6.15pm

Wednesday 29/3 Parents' Evenings: first appointment at 4.30pm / last appt. at 7pm

Appointments will go live closer to the time.

Phonics - home video links

[Reception](#)

[Red](#)

[Purple](#)

[Pink](#)

[Orange](#)

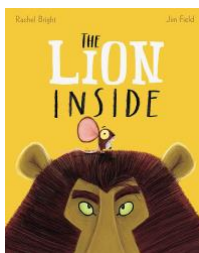
[Yellow](#)

[Blue 1](#) [Blue 2](#)

Staff Book Recommendations

For EYFS/KS1, Miss Beamond recommends...

The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright

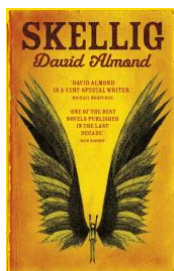


"That day they BOTH learned that, no matter your size, We all have a mouse AND a lion inside." A mouse feels small and insecure and determines that what he needs to do is learn how to roar like a lion. He knows he has to act brave when he approaches a lion to learn how. In a hilarious turn of events, the lion is afraid of mice! The mouse comforts the lion, they become friends, and we learn that there's a lion and a mouse inside all of us.

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For KS2, Mrs Noble-Barton recommends...

Skellig by David Almond



When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain.

Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital.

But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .

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Dates for your diary

Friday 10/2	Pyjama Day for Rare Dementia Support Charity
Tues 14/2	PFA Valentines Disco
Friday 17/2	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
w/c 20/2	Half Term - school closed to pupils
Weds 22/2	Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent
Monday 27/2	Second half of Spring Term begins for pupils
Thursday 2/3	World Book Day
Wednesday 15/3	Year 6 Confirmation Exhibition
Tuesday 28/3	Parents' Evening: first appointment at 3.45pm / last appt. at 6.15pm
Wednesday 29/3	Parents' Evenings: first appointment at 4.30pm / last appt. at 7pm
Tuesday 4/4	KS2 Passion Play performance 9.15am
Wednesday 5/4	KS2 Passion Play performance 9.15am

God bless,

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