



*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

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28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**God Who Speaks**

In this weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus talking about a great prophet, Elijah. Elijah was tasked with spreading the news of God's love to all he met. This Gospel prompts us to think about how we build a loving kingdom in our home, workplace, school and local community. Sometimes just a smile and 'good morning' are all it takes!

"When we experience God's love, we are more able to share this with our neighbour." Pope Francis.

**Gospel Virtues - Curious and Active**

The following children received a 'Curious and Active' wristband this week as they demonstrated our current Gospel Virtues: Anna (Y5), Liam (Y5), Ava, Ahara, Rosie, Nina & Izabella (Y2). Well done children!

**Day of Exposition for vocations**

Today (Friday) each class visited church to spend a period of time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The purpose of this day was to pray for vocations. We prayed that more men and women would hear the call to consecrated life and we prayed that we would continue to listen to God and discern our vocations to use our gifts and talents for the good of the world. It would be great to continue this conversation at home.



**Wednesday Word - enjoy this Sunday's Gospel as a family by following this link**

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gods-love?pid=MTA101634&v=50.6>

**Mass attendance**

Do you attend Sunday Mass as a family on a regular basis? COVID 19 changed many families' habits and forced so many away from the beautiful celebration of Mass. Perhaps it's now time for a rethink. If we are feeling confident enough to go to shops, restaurants or sporting events at the weekend should we also be attending Mass?

Part of the agreement made between home and school when your children started St Nicholas is regular Mass attendance (regardless of which parish you attend) so as to aid the lifelong formation of your child as a Catholic Christian. Pupils attend Mass on a rota basis at school but the celebration of Mass with their family is an experience which cannot be replaced.

If there is anything we can do to aid your return to Sunday Mass, please do not hesitate to have a chat with Mrs Noble-Barton.

**PFA - Penny Drive**

A message from Mrs Sarah Hale, chair of our PFA:

*The Penny Drive will be happening again starting from 1st February. Please gather your coins and coppers to donate to the PFA. Thank you!*

**World Development Group**

Mrs Devlin (former Deputy Head teacher of our school) helps to run the St Nicholas World Development Group, a group of people in this parish who help with various charitable projects around the world. One of these projects is a school in Uganda which urgently needs **donations of shoes and trainers (for children from 5-16 so even larger sizes please), pens, pencils and other stationery**. If you would be so kind as to donate there will be a box in the office area from Monday. Thank you.

**Parents' Evenings**

Spring Term Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March** from 3.45pm - 6pm in the school hall. Appointments will go live closer to the time.

### **Dogs**

A parentmail message was sent out earlier this week asking for your support in ensuring that dogs do not come onto school grounds. Thank you for your support in making all children feel safe and comfortable on their way into and out of school.

### **Mayor's Grant**

We have been successful in our application for some funding from the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield. This funding is for a celebration in honour of Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee. This celebration day will be on Thursday 26th May - more details to follow.

### **Poppy Appeal - thank you**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the St Nicholas School Poppy Appeal in November, we raised £379.73 for the Royal British Legion.

### **School Fund Spring Term 2022**

School Fund is now available to pay on Parentmail for Spring Term. This money will be spent on materials and resources which will directly benefit every child. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Aston Villa - Soccer School Flyers**

Please see attached two flyers from the Aston Villa Soccer School regarding sessions that you may be interested in, including a half term club and a session just for girls.

### **Phonics home links**

Apologies, these will be sent out via parentmail on Monday.

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby  
Acting Vice Principal

### **Dates for your diary**

2<sup>nd</sup> February

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March

NHS eyesight screening for Reception children (opt out forms have gone out via Parentmail)

Parents' Evenings in school