



*Love, live and learn
with Jesus Christ.*



St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5US **E:**

enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk

T: 0121 355 2649 **F:** 0121 355 6303

W: www.stnicholassutton.org.uk

Executive Principal: Mr N Porter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 12th January 2024

Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on living out the Gospel Virtues of COMPASSIONATE and LOVING. Pupils are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

The following pupils have been spotted by staff members this week living out our focus virtues and have received a Gospel Virtues wristband from Mrs Noble-Barton: Finn (Rec), Daisy (Rec), Kieran (Y1), Murael (Y1) Jamie-Lee (Y1), Oscar (Y2) & Francesca (Y2).

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click here for the WEDNESDAY WORD](#)

Crisis at Christmas

During December, our Year 6 class (encouraged and assisted by Mrs Rayment and Mr Reid) took on a project to design and make some Christmas cards & decorations which they could sell. They chose the charity 'Crisis at Christmas' and spent time in class looking at their website and discussing the valuable work they do to help those who find themselves homeless. Amazingly, Year 6 raised £529 which has gone to Crisis in order to help them continue their work. Well done Year 6! Truly compassion & faith in action. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal

We have heard from the Royal British Legion Sutton Coldfield District to say that St Nicholas school raised £271.90 during this year's Poppy Appeal. This goes towards the £70,500 raised in total in Sutton Coldfield. Thank you for your support.

Cake Sale

Well done to our compassionate and loving Year 3 pupils who organised and ran today's cake sale. All funds raised will go, at the pupils' request, to Birmingham Hospice.

Prayer bags

Prayer bags have been updated for the Christmas Season unit of work and pupils have started to take them home. There are a few things to take note of when your child brings home the bag:

- The bag is only with you for a short time. Please make a point of getting the family together so that your child can use the items in the bag to lead a short time of prayer.
- Take a photo! It would be great to see what's happening at home so please take a photo and ping it to enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk so that we can share it on Twitter.
- Treat the bag & its contents with respect and return it in the condition you found it.

Thank you !

Designated Safeguarding Leads

At the start of this new term, please find below a reminder of those members of staff who take a lead in safeguarding children. **Safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff members** and everyone is trained to deal with safeguarding matters. DSLs are responsible for staff training, for ensuring that policy & procedure is followed & for liaising with any outside agencies such as Birmingham Children's Trust or the Police. DSLs are also responsible for maintaining the vigilant safeguarding ethos in school.

Lead DSL: Mr Porter & Mrs Noble-Barton

Deputy DSL: Miss Smith

Additional DSL: Mrs Matthews

By the start of the summer term, Mrs Burling-Finn will also be a trained DSL.

If you have a safeguarding concern about any child, you can raise this with any member of staff or DSL at any time.

Curriculum Workshops

So far this academic year we have had successful Curriculum Workshops for Year 6, EYFS & Year 1. Dates of forthcoming workshops have been sent out but please find below a reminder:

- Year 2 Tuesday 16/1 at 9am
- Year 3 Monday 22/1 at 9am
- Year 4 Tuesday 30/1 at 9am
- Year 5 Tuesday 6/2 at 9am

Please try to attend so that you can work with your child. If work commitments mean that you can't attend, why not send a Grandparent instead.

Parents' Evenings

A date for your diary. Spring Term Parents' Evenings will be held in school on **Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March.**

Tuesday 26/3, first appointment will be at 3.45pm with the final appointment at 6.15pm.

Wednesday 27/3, first appointment will be at 4.30pm with the final appointment at 7pm.

As you can see, our staff are offering later appointments to help with those parents who have working commitments. If you don't need the late appointments, please leave them for those parents who do need them. Other than in exceptional circumstances, appointments with class teachers outside of these times will not be offered.

EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

The school nurse will be running the height and weight checks for Reception class and Year 6 on Wednesday 24th January, a form has been sent to you via Parentmail. Please only call the school office if you are opting out meaning you **do not** want your child to participate in the measurement programme.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 8.1.24
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	99.58%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.83%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	97.92%
Year 6	97.92%

A strong week of attendance. We had one day this week where we had 100% attendance in the school!

Well done to Year 2, this week's winners. You can negotiate a reward with Miss Smith and Mrs Burling-Finn.

Lighthouse Preschool

Places are still available for pre school children. If you are interested, please contact Carole Baird on 07590411118.

Reception Class & Year 6 Class - School Nurse Height & Weight Check

A reminder that this is scheduled for Wednesday 24th January. If you wish to opt your child out of this exercise, please email enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk

Twitter

We have several pending follow requests on Twitter. We are not ignoring you but if you have sent a request that hasn't been accepted, please let the school office know what your Twitter handle is so that we can identify you! If you would like to follow us and see lots of examples of learning and achievement, you can find us @StNicholasCP.



Maths challenge

Thank You to everybody who has been taking part in the challenge - it's great to see maths being enjoyed by the whole family! If you would like to take part, please email Miss Smith at mathschallenge@stnicholassutton.org.uk and earn two merit marks!

Baking Challenge

This baker has three bags of flour. Each is a different weight.

- The first and third weigh 11kg altogether.
- The first and second weigh 7kg altogether.
- The second and third weigh 8kg altogether.



What is the weight of each bag of flour?

Word of the month

Please discuss this word at home with your child and encourage them to use it in their writing at school!


optimistic

Definition: hopeful and confident about the future.

After years of dedication, hard work and perseverance, the young ballet dancer skipped onto the stage to a rapturous applause. She was optimistic that she would be chosen for the prestigious role.

Synonyms:

Cheerful, positive, bright, upbeat, encouraging, reassuring, buoyant



Antonyms:

Negative, gloomy, ominous, downcast, miserable.

Young Voices

Your Young Voices tickets have been sent via Parent Mail.

If your child is part of the Young Voices choir, please use this link to access the music room. Here, you will find backing tracks, lyric videos and the song sheets.

[Young Voices music room](#)

Hurling after school club - Years 4, 5 and 6

Please note that Hurling club will resume after half term, the first session being Friday 23rd February.

Years 5 & 6 Campfire stories - Thursday 29th February 2024

On Thursday 29th February, pupils in Years 5 & 6 are invited back into school at 4:45pm to share stories and toast marshmallows around the campfire. Pupils may wear pyjamas and bring a blanket but, as we are outside, these will need to be warm. Students can bring their favourite text to read and share with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

Amazon wish list (updated)

'A book is a gift you can open again and again' - Garrison Keillor

Many thanks to everybody who has contributed to our growing classroom library at St Nicholas - it is greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a book for school for your child and their friends to enjoy, the wish lists below have been updated. Thank you.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

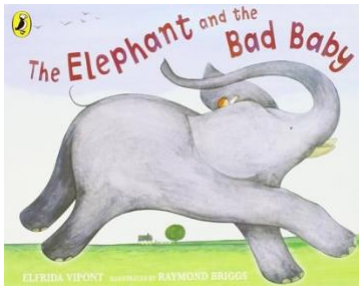
[Year 6](#)

Phonics home links

Group	Reading	Writing/spelling	Words to read
Mrs Bowen's lilac group	d t n p g b	d t n p g b Word time 1.3 spelling	d t n p g b Word time 1.3 reading
Mrs Connor's red group	sh th ch ng nk	Word time 1.6 spelling	sh th ch qu ng nk Red words Word time 1.6 reading
Mrs Maguire's pink group	ay ee igh	ay ee igh	Fred talk Red words
Mrs Trappett's and Mrs Vale's orange group	ea oi a-e	ea oi a-e	Fred talk Playday

			Red words
Mrs Shephard's yellow group	a-e i-e u-e	a-e i-e u-e	Fred talk The duckchick Red words
Miss Guest's blue group	u-e ea ear	u-e ea ear	Fred talk The jar of oil Red words

Staff book recommendations

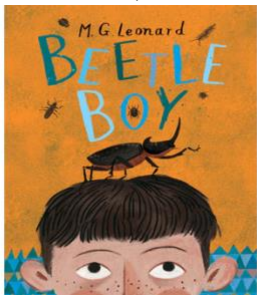


For EYFS & KS1, Mrs Bowen recommends... *The Elephant and the Bad Baby* by Elfrida Vipont

When an Elephant meets a Bad Baby and offers them a ride, it's the start of a wild adventure - going 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta' down the road, and helping themselves to ice creams, lollipops, and all manner of sweet treats. But as a long line of disgruntled shopkeepers and salespeople begin to follow them, Bad Baby learns the importance of saying 'please,' and all the trouble you can get into if you forget...

[Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mrs Minchin recommends... *Beetle Boy* by MG Leonard



Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

[Click to purchase](#)

Dates for the diary

16/1/24	Year 2 Curriculum Workshop (9am - 10.30am)
22/1/24	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop (9am - 10.30am)
30/1/24	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
30/1/24	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop (9am - 10.30am)
W/c 5/2	RSHE week across the school
23/2/24	Young Voices concert
24/2/24	EYFS & Year 6 Height/Weight checks by school nurse
29/2/24	Campfire stories - Yrs 5 & 6
7/3/24	World Book Day
26th & 27th March	Parents' Evenings
15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
<u>PFA events</u>	
22/1/24	PFA Meeting in the school hall at 5pm - ALL WELCOME
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Miss Smith
Assistant Head

E: enquiry@sjp2.net | **T:** 0121 354 6270 | **W:** johnpaulii.co.uk

Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL): Mr M Emery

Company House Registered No. 08706247