



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Gospel Virtues - who has a wristband this week?**

This half term we are learning to be *COMPASSIONATE* and *LOVING* as we are taught in the Gospel. The following children have received a wristband because they have been living out our focus Gospel Values: Olivia (Y2), Tommie (Y5), Ciaran (Y5), Annabelle (Y5), Emily (Y5) & Lene-Kate (Y5).

**Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family**

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/sharing?pid=MTA101634&v=69.10>

**Allergies**

There are several pupils in our school with severe allergies and others with intolerances. **Please remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.** No nut products should be brought into school at any time; this includes in lunchboxes, for snacks and for birthday treats. Please also note that this includes 'nutella' and other such spreads. Some pupils' allergies are so severe that even being in the presence of nuts will make them poorly. We also have pupils with allergies & intolerances to other products such as milk so some classes will have arrangements for pupils who have school milk to consume it away from pupils who have allergies.



**MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30th September**

Fancy a cup of tea and a chat? Want to support an amazing charity at the same time? Please join us in celebrating the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. You can drop in any time between 9.15am and 10.30am - please bring cash for your donation. It would be particularly great to see our Reception class parents - this is a great opportunity to meet each other and start that community within your class.

**Each child in the school needs to bring £1** as every child will be attending. Classes will come in on a rota starting with Reception and will enjoy some squash and a biscuit.

**We would love to receive donations of cakes and biscuits for this occasion. Please bring your donations to the school office on Wednesday 29th . Many thanks.**

**Sensory Room**

As part of our provision for pupils with Special Educational Need and pupils with Social, Emotional & Mental Health needs we are creating a 'sensory room' within school. Sensory rooms have been shown to help:

- Reduce Stress
- Reduce Stereotyped/repetitive Behaviours
- Reduce Aggression
- Increase focus
- Motivate Learning
- Increase interaction

Huge thanks to two of our parents, Mr & Mrs Norton, who have kindly donated the lighting and other electrical equipment needed. When the room is finished we will be tweeting photos!

**Boldmere Hardware - thank you**

It is wonderful to be supported by local businesses, this really fosters a sense of community. Boldmere Hardware, based on Boldmere Road, recently donated some playground equipment for KS1. We wish to pass on our sincere thanks to them and to Mrs Roche who facilitated this.

### Air Ambulance Fundraising Day

Hope and Anna-Arissa in Year 5 wish to raise money for West Midlands Air Ambulance; this is after Hope's family had experience of the incredible work they do.

On Thursday 29th September

### Speech and Drama at St Nicholas Primary School

Centrestage is delighted to announce that we have recently received the results of our LAMDA exams from June 2022. We received 100% pass with Merit or Distinction, with the large majority of pupils getting a Distinction. We couldn't be prouder of the pupils who took part. They demonstrated huge amounts of resilience, confidence and talent. It really is a huge achievement. Well done to everyone who took part!

We still have a few places available in our Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes. If you are interested in more information please contact [admin@centrestageschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@centrestageschool.org.uk). We would be delighted to teach your child.

### Speech and Language Therapy - resources for parents

Please find attached to this email two documents containing links to videos and other resources designed to help you ensure high quality communication with your child therefore helping their speech and language skills.

### EYFS/KS1 parent reading information session - Monday 26th September at 9:00am

Parents of children in Reception, KS1 and those receiving Phonic instruction are invited to attend an information session led by Miss Smith and Mrs Finn-Taylor which will guide you through your child's reading journey at St Nicholas. The session will last for approximately 40 minutes and we will be discussing all things Phonics and how you can support your child's reading at home. We will also be giving out a handy resource pack. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following children who have been prestigiously appointed as this term's Reading Ambassadors to further support the culture of reading that we have here at St Nicholas. They will be supporting younger children with reading, monitoring classroom libraries and reviewing and recommending books.

Well done to: Anna-Arissa (Y5), Emily (Y5), Jawad (Y5), Jacob (Y5), Alex (Y6), George (Y6), Maddie (Y6) & Abigail (Y6).

### Word of the month

St Nicholas' word of the month is due to launch on 3rd October 2022. If you would like to suggest the first word for us to explore as a school, please let Miss Smith know by Wednesday 28th September.

### Books

As your child is now bringing school books home, we kindly ask that you take extra care with them. We have invested hugely in our resources for reading and we would like them to last a long time and be enjoyed by many children. Please ensure that the book is returned to your child's school bag once you have read with them and that it is not packed in the same bag as their water bottle. If for any reason the book does become damaged, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

### Hurling Tournament

We have been advised that there will be a Hurling tournament on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30am at the club on Holly Lane. For more information please speak to Denis, our Hurling instructor.

### Phonics - home video links

Red group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Vx7qg7bb/B68MwJm5>

Green group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4SQdpRhr/KvAMbplT>

Purple group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aIYjB69S/xDOniM0o>

Pink group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Aqfbwrch/gvj2MFfQ>

Yellow group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uUCDRib/F2D4yjoG>

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 26/9	Early Reading/Phonics Meeting at 9am
Friday 30/9	Macmillan coffee morning / Reception parents' meet up
Monday 3/10	KS2 + Y2 reading meeting at 9am
Friday 14/10	PFA Whole School Disco 6pm - 8pm - pupils & families - tickets from PFA
19th & 20th Oct	Parents' evenings
Friday 21/10	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
W/c 24/10	Half term
Tuesday 1/11	Individual photographs

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School



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