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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 6th October 2023

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

As we enter this month dedicated to praying the Rosary, we are making the Rosary a feature of our prayer life in school. All pupils will be praying the prayers of the Rosary in class, KS2 pupils will be taking part in a 'Living Rosary' and all pupils will be invited to Miss Godfrey's Rosary club.

Why not make the rosary a part of your prayer life at home for the month of October?

[The Rosary in 2 Minutes](#)

Gospel Virtues

Pupils continue to strive to be more GENEROUS and GRATEFUL this half term as they are led by Gospel values & virtues. Teachers are looking out for pupils who live out these virtues and, when they see them in action, they send that person to Mrs Noble-Barton for a wristband. Well done to Barnaby (Y1), Jasper (Y2), Jamie-Lee (Y1), Frankie Br (Y6), Aidan (Y6), Skye (Y6) x2, Bradley (Y5), Hope (Y6), Aoife (Y5), Finley (Y2), Malachy (Y2) & Noah (Y2),

Wednesday Word

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

[Change - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](#)

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Today we celebrated CAFOD Family Fast Day and raised a lot of money for CAFOD's Harvest Campaign. Thank you to everyone who donated to the silver coin collection and a special word of thanks to the 20 Year 5 & 6 pupils who signed up for the CAFOD soup lunch. The rumbles in their tummies in the afternoon served as a reminder of the hunger that many in our world feel every day. This was truly 'living in solidarity'.

Harvest Collection

Now that we have had our Harvest Mass (many thanks to the large number of parents who attended) we can start our annual Harvest collection. This year we will be collecting for Bethany Food Bank in Erdington who are battling with huge demand. Mrs Noble-Barton will send out specific details early next week about what is most needed. Thank you in advance.

Catholic Life Survey Link

If you haven't already done so, we would be very grateful if you could follow the link below and spend five minutes filling in a survey on the Catholic Life of our school. Thank you.

[Survey on Catholic Life, RE & Collective Worship](#)

Rory & Aoife raffle

This week, Rory & Aoife in Y5 raffled off some 'squishem' toys to raise money for their friend Dexter who is very unwell. They raised £150 which will go towards the 'Go Fund Me' page which has been set up <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-dexter-and-emily>

Thank you for supporting their fundraising efforts.

Clara & Jasper cake sale

It is always amazing to hear about fundraising which our pupils are doing outside of school. This week we were told that Clara & Jasper (Year 2 and Year 5) held a cake sale on their road and raised an incredible £72.50 which will go towards The UK Sepsis Trust. Well done to both of you!

Communication & Autism Team (CAT) flyers

Attached to this email are two flyers from the CAT team aimed at any parent with a child with a diagnosis of ASC. These flyers are advertising some parent courses which you can access. Please pass these on to any parents you know to whom this may be applicable.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that Tuesday 24/10 and Wednesday 25/10 are parents' evenings. These dates have been advertised for several weeks. Appointments will go live on Monday 16/10 - you will be notified by the school office. Please note that, unless otherwise arranged with the school, this is **one appointment per pupil** to be taken on 24/10 or 25/10.

Coats

Putting aside this very mild weekend we're having, we are well into Autumn now. We are still seeing pupils coming to school without coats (without jumpers in some cases!). Please ensure that your child has a coat in school - one with a hood is even better!

This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 2.10.23
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	98.31%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	97.92%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.25%
Year 6	97.08%

Well done to Year 4 who are this week's winners! They can negotiate their reward with Miss Godfrey.

Do you know anyone with a child starting school in September 2024?

We will be holding four sessions for prospective parents which will feature a short presentation about the school followed by a tour of the school. This is an opportunity to see the school 'in action' and answer any questions you may have about the admissions process. The dates are listed below, please contact the school office on 0121 355 2649 or enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk to book a place.

Monday 13/11 at 9.15am
Tuesday 14/11 at 1.30pm
Wednesday 15/11 at 11am
Thursday 16/11 at 2.30pm

PFA News

Not long now until the New Starters Disco which is on Friday 13/10 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Tickets are available directly from the PFA. Please note that **all children must be accompanied by an adult**.

1-minute maths - APP TO DOWNLOAD

Parents of KS1 pupils are invited to download the 1-minute maths app from White Rose. This is an enjoyable and motivating way for your child to practise the key skills that they have learnt in lessons. You simply need to download the app (totally free!) and choose a topic. Then, your child will answer a series of questions. When 1 minute is up, your child will be given a score that they can try to match or beat the next time they play! There is no internet access or login needed!

More information can be found on the White Rose website: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

NB - A KS2 version will be available soon.

The app can be downloaded here:

[Apple Store](#)

[Google Play](#)

[Amazon](#)

Amazon wish list

'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

All reception children:

Sounds	Handwriting (practice sheets sent via Parent Mail)	Blending words
g o c k u b	g o c k u b	g o c k u b

Miss Guest's purple group: [or](#) [air](#) [ir](#)

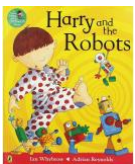
Mrs Burling-Finn and Miss Beamond's purple group: [ow](#)

Mrs Maguire's pink group: [or](#) [air](#) [ir](#) [ay](#)

Mrs Shephard's orange group: [oa](#) [ew](#) [ire](#) [are](#)

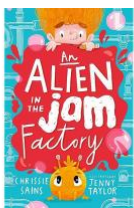
Mrs Vale and Mrs Trappett's yellow group: [ear](#) [ure](#) [tion](#) [tious](#)

Staff book recommendations



For KS1, Mrs Connor recommends...*Harry and the Robots* by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds

Harry's robot has to go to the robot hospital to get fixed. So Nan and Harry decide to make their own robot while he's being mended. Then when Nan has to go into hospital (to get mended as well), Harry knows exactly what to do to help her get better! [Click to purchase](#)



For KS2, Mrs Rehman recommends...*An Alien in the Jam Factory* by Chrissie Sains and Jenny Taylor

Scooter McLay's cerebral palsy affects how quickly he can move his body, but his hyper-creative brain is a constant fizz of brilliant ideas. He spends every day inventing top secret recipes and machines for his family's jam factory. There's just one thing missing ... a pet, to share it all with. Or better still, a friend. When a tiny alien named Fizzbee crashes through the factory window, she might just be the answer. Now it's all hands on deck, as they team up to save the factory from dastardly neighbour Daffy Dodgy. [Click to purchase](#)

Dates for the diary

24/10/23	Families, individual and sibling photos being taken - AM
24/10/23	Parents' Evening 3.45pm - 6.15pm
25/10/23	Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
27/10/23	INSET day - school closed to pupils
HALF TERM W.B 30/10/23	
6/11/23	INSET day - school closed to pupils
23/11/23	Year 5 theatre trip
5/12/23	KS1 theatre trip
23/2/24	Young Voices concert

PFA events

13/10/23	New Starters' Disco 5.30pm-7.30pm
26/10/23	Cake Sale straight after school
25/11/23	Christmas Fair from 2pm-4pm
20/12/23	Christmas Disco from 3.30pm-5pm
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Miss Smith
Assistant Head



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