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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 10th November 2023

Remembrance

As November is the month of Holy Souls, we continue to remember, celebrate and pray for our deceased loved ones. Our Remembrance Board in the entrance area of school is building up and is a wonderful tribute to those we have loved and lost. If your child would like to have a loved one remembered on the board then they can write the name of the deceased on the 'In Loving Memory' slip which came home this week, this can also be accompanied by photos or funeral booklets. It is an honour to see those names on our board.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to Year 5 who ran this year's Poppy Appeal within school and thank you for helping to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Years 4, 5 & 6 joined in on a Legion Livestream event on Friday and EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3 had a Remembrance Assembly, both events included the two minutes silence. #wewillrememberthem

Wednesday Word

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

[Click here for the WEDNESDAY WORD](#)

Catholic Life - charitable donations

An update on payments we have made to various charities after recent fundraising activities:

- We sent £528.72 to **Macmillan Cancer Support** following the Macmillan Coffee Morning
- We sent £209.02 to **UK Sepsis Trust** following the cake sale
- We sent £156 to **CAFOD** following CAFOD Family Fast Day on 6/10/23 as part of our CAFOD Live Simply Award.

THANK YOU! Believe me when I say that we understand the financial pressures on families at the moment. Your donations are much appreciated & the causes we support are so grateful for your help.

Kindness Week at St Nicholas - week beginning 13th November

Next week is anti-bullying week. At St Nicholas, we will be celebrating 'Kindness Week' and children will be participating in various activities around the theme of: 'Make some noise'. Years 5 & 6 will take part in a workshop called 'Stand Against Violence' whilst the whole school will have a special Collective Worship and a live lesson from the BBC. All pupils will bring home a '7 days of kindness' calendar to be explored as a family.

Monday 13th November 2023 will be 'odd socks day'. Children can wear odd socks to school, with their normal uniform or PE kit, to celebrate all of our unique differences, skills and talents.

Lighthouse Club

Lighthouse Club Pre-School has some places available for pre-school aged children. Please contact Mrs Carole Baird on 07590 411 118 for more information.

Boldmere Christmas Festival

Attached to this email you will find a flyer about the above event which is taking place on Sunday 19th November.

St Nicholas Parish Christmas Fair 18th/19th November

Please try to support the St Nicholas Parish Christmas Fair which takes place in the Newman Centre after each Mass during the weekend of 18th/19th November.

PFA Christmas Fair 25th November

Our PFA volunteers are working very hard to set up a wonderful Christmas Fair in the school hall on Saturday 25/11 from 2pm-4pm. Please try to attend, there will be various stalls, food & other festive activities. Father Allen has kindly agreed to suspend the parking cameras for the duration of the fair so the church car park can be used. Let's all get into the festive spirit!

A reminder that 17/11 is Silly Hair Day in return for chocolate donations for the fair.

A reminder that 22/11 is Silly Sock Day in return for bottle donations for the fair.

*Date for your diary! The next PFA meeting will be held in the school hall at 5pm on Tuesday 5th December. All are welcome!

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!

Detective Challenge

Detective Dog Dan looked for a number. He found a two-digit number less than 50. The sum of its digits was 12. Their difference was 4.

What number did Dan find?

Next, Dan found a two-digit odd number.

One of its digits was half the other. The number was greater than 50.



What number did Dan find this time?

twinkl.com

INSET Days

We have two INSET days left for this academic year, they will be:

- Monday 15th April
- Thursday 4th July

Centrestage Recital - 30th November 2023

Any child who takes Centrestage lessons through school is invited to take part in a recital on Thursday 30/11/23. Parents are also invited to attend. The recital begins at 4pm and lasts for approximately 45 minutes in the school hall. Pupils involved will not be dismissed at 3.30pm, they will have a final 30 minute rehearsal with

Centrestage staff. If your child takes part in Centrestage but cannot attend the recital, please drop us an email to enquiry@ to let us know. Thank you.

Dates of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays & KS2 Advent Prayer Services

- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity play on **Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am and Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am**. Ticket information will be sent closer to the time. Two tickets per family (can be taken as 1 per performance if desired) will be made available to you.

Feedback from our recent Catholic Life, RE & Collective Worship parent survey has shown us that many of our parents would like to join in the prayer life of our school even more. This is fantastic! To this end, please see below invitations from KS2 to join them in Advent prayer:

- Parents & grandparents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 are invited to join them in an Advent Prayer Service at **2.30pm on Tuesday 19th December**. This is not a ticketed event.
- Parents & grandparents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to join them in an Advent Prayer Service at **2.30pm on Thursday 21st December**. This is not a ticketed event.

This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 6.11.23
Reception	98.89%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.11%
Year 3	94.44% BELOW 95%
Year 4	97.22%
Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	100%

Wow! Two winning classes this week who both have 100% attendance. Well done to Year 1 and Year 6; you can negotiate a reward with your class teachers.

Word of the month

abandoned

Definition: completely leave; desert

Deep in the murky, abandoned forest stood an ancient tree with a gnarled trunk and intertwined branches – it looked as lonely as starless sky.

Synonyms:

Deserted, forsaken, stranded, rejected, unoccupied, uninhabited



Antonyms:

Inhabit, use, frequent, keep, claim.

Young Voices

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](#)

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](#)

Maths England Day - Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November, children will be off their normal timetable of lessons to celebrate a day of Maths! They will take part in escape room activities, a live lesson from the BBC and learn a supermovers maths video with Mr P! Throughout the day, there will be an opportunity for children to estimate the number of sweets in a jar and win a prize. This is totally free to enter!

TT rockstars - England rocks competition

As part of Maths England, KS2 children will be invited to enter a competition on TT rockstars to answer as many questions as possible between 14th and 16th November. This will be available for one hour, per pupil, per day between the hours of 7:30am and 7:30pm. All children need to do is log in and get started! The school who collects the most points over these two days will win a prize from TT rockstars!

NB - Celebration assembly on Friday 17th November will be taking place as normal.

Do you have any old Christmas cards?

Year 6 will be working with Mrs Rayment to reuse and recycle old Christmas cards, bags and decorations to sell at the PFA Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November. If you have any old cards, bags or decorations, we would be hugely grateful for these!

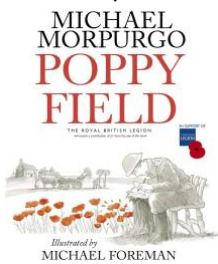
Phonics home links

Group	Reading	Writing	Words to read
Mrs Bowen's lilac group	s a m d	s a m d	Fred talk - s Fred talk - a Fred talk - m Fred talk - d Fred games
Mrs Connor's lilac group	a x p	a x p	Fred talk - a Fred talk - x Fred talk - p Fred games

Miss Beamond's purple group	ee	ee	In the bath Fred talk Red words
Miss Guest's pink group	ay ee igh	ay ee igh	Fred talk Red words Scruffy Ted
Mrs Trappett's and Mrs Vale's orange group	ea oi a-e	ea oi a-e	Fred talk Red words Playday
Mrs Maguire's yellow group	ea oi a-e	ea oi a-e	The duckchick Red words Fred talk
Mrs Shephard's blue group	ea oi a-e	ea oi a-e	Fred talk Barker Red words

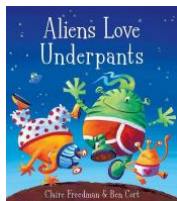
Staff book recommendations

A special recommendation by Mrs Noble-Barton for the season of Remembrance (suitable for all pupils): *Poppy Field* by Michael Morpurgo



In Flanders' fields, young Martens knows his family's story, for it is as precious as the faded poem hanging in their home. From a poor girl comforting a grieving soldier, to an unexpected meeting of strangers, to a father's tragic death many decades after treaties were signed, war has shaped Martens's family in profound ways - it is their history as much as any nation's. They remember. They grieve. They honour the past.

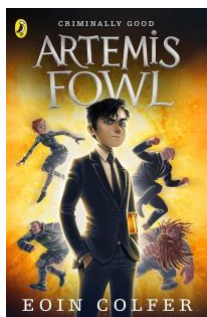
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Recommendation for KS1 by Mrs Bowen *Aliens Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman

"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."

[Click to purchase](#)



Recommendation for KS2 by Mr Porter *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

AT JUST TWELVE YEARS OLD, ARTEMIS FOWL IS A CRIMINAL GENIUS. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's *incredibly* dangerous, and pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back...

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Dates for the diary

13/11/23	Odd socks day - Kindness Week
17/11/23	Silly Hair Day - chocolate donations to PFA Christmas Fair
22/11/23	Silly Sock Day - bottle donations to PFA Christmas Fair
23/11/23	Year 6 Curriculum Workshop - 9am to 10.30am
23/11/23	Year 5 theatre trip
(Sat) 25/11/23	PFA Christmas Fair in school hall - 2pm to 4pm
30/11/23	4pm - Recital involving all pupils who take 'Centrestage' lessons
5/12/23	KS1 theatre trip

5/12/23 5pm - PFA meeting in the hall
 7/12/23 Reception Class Curriculum Workshop - 9am to 10am
 12/12/23 EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play at 9.15am - TICKET ONLY
 13/12/23 EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play at 9.15am - TICKET ONLY
 15/12/23 Last Achievement Assembly of the term
 19/12/23 Years 3 & 4 Advent Prayer Service - parents invited - 2.30pm
 21/12/23 Years 5 & 6 Advent Prayer Service - parents invited - 2.30pm
 22/12/23 End of Autumn Term - last day in school for pupils

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS W.B 25/12/23 & 1/1/24

8/1/24 Start of Spring Term - pupils back in school
 23/2/24 Young Voices concert
 15/4/24 INSET Day - school closed to children
 4/7/24 INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

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

God bless,
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