



*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

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6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **God who Speaks**

**'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'** John 10

In our Gospel reading this weekend, we're reminded that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is our shepherd. We're reminded that he is the voice of God - he is our teacher and our guide.



How willing are we, as His disciples, to listen to Him? How much time do we make in our life for quiet prayer and contemplation to hear His voice and be guided by Him?

### **Year 3 - First Holy Communion**

Our Y3 pupils start receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend and over the following two weekends. Please pray for these children and their families, that receiving the Lord in Eucharist brings them closer to the Risen Lord. Thank you to Miss Smith & Mrs Shephard for preparing the pupils so well. There will be St Nicholas staff members at each Mass to support the pupils in this momentous occasion.

### **Gospel Virtues - who's got a wristband this week?**

The following pupils have been seen living out our current Gospel Virtues of 'Grateful and Generous' this week: Bradley (Y3), Saffron (Y3), Mila (Y4) x 2, Skye (Y4), Emily (Y4), Layla (Y4) and Anna-Arissa (Y4), Aoife (Y3).

### **May Procession**

This week we held our May procession and crowning of Our Lady. We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and we held a prayerful and joyful liturgy. Thank you to all of the children who took part or helped to set up. Our school is now resplendent with beautiful flowers which were brought in - thank you. See Twitter for photos!

### **Bake Sale**

Thank you for supporting the charity bake sale today which was led by some very generous Y4 girls. They raised £294.05 for Ronald McDonald House, Birmingham which enables parents to stay near Birmingham Children's Hospital when their children are receiving treatment.

### **Friday Achievement Assembly - advance notice**

There will be no Friday Achievement Assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May as the hall is needed for a Year 6 retreat day.

### **Wednesday Word - follow the link below to enjoy the Gospel as a family**

[Life - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://paperturn-view.com)

### **Lexia**

Just a reminder that children using the Lexia programme are able to come into school early (from 8.40am on their allotted day) to access the ICT suite. Children's logins also allow them to use the programme at home. We find that this programme garners some excellent results for pupils and that the skills they work on, help to support them in lessons.

## **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Next week is mental health awareness week. Supporting children with their mental health and wellbeing is not something we do once a year, it is an ongoing process that all our staff have regular training on. Please find some brilliant resources to share with your children at the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

## **Home Phonics Link**

Please click the link below for a recap of information on the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme we follow at St Nicholas.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeah6YbQd6q5klckqu/edit>

RED- i, n, g and p

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SmtWBO10/ZyQuIN7t>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/b4WBTIWf/wdR9buug>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XGfpm3hO/AdYg7EvG>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pFuMIIbF/fSdCZZCS>

GREEN- igh/ ow

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fAr7bInv/7yhq73bH>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xBoKKQMB/O9rToRPY>

PURPLE- oo

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/72fd0akT/xvFHaAC6>

ORANGE- oi/ ai

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/c9jshvnN/QzL3aqJ1>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1I9hoqZg/XRbN2BQV>

BLUE- ai

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1I9hoqZg/XRbN2BQV>

GREY- or

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/38T4029T/YmINg8o3>

## **Dates for your diary**

7th May	Year 3 pupils begin to make their FHC - this lasts over several weeks
w/c 9th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs Week
w/c 16th & 23rd May	KS1 (Year 2) SATs will be administered
26th May @ 1.30pm	Whole School Mass in church - Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
w/c 30th May	Half Term - school close
6th June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
7th June	School reopens for second half of the Summer Term

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby  
Acting Vice Principal