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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 20th September 2024

### **Year of Prayer**

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school.

**Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

*Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in **Latin.***

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,  
Sanctificetur Nomen Tuum;  
Adveniat Regnum Tuum;  
Fiat voluntas Tua,  
Sicut in caelo, et in terra.  
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie;  
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,  
Sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris;  
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem;  
Sed libera nos a Malo.  
Amen.



### **Wednesday Word**

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **PFA New Starters' Disco - Friday 11th October 5.30pm to 7pm**

Please follow the link below to purchase tickets for this exciting event. This is the only disco of the year where parents are able to stay, mingle and have a beverage! Get your dance moves ready...

[St Nicholas School PFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](#)

### **INSET days - Friday 25th October & Monday 4th November**

Both of the above dates have been designated as INSET days and therefore the school will be closed to pupils on both of these dates. Please note that these dates are either side of the October half term holiday. A more comprehensive list of dates can be found at the bottom of this document.

### **Parents' Evenings**

A date for your diary! Autumn Term parents' evenings will be on **Tuesday 22/10 and Wednesday 23/10**. Details on how to get an appointment will be sent out in due course. Please keep one of these afternoons/early evenings free as these will be the only dates offered. Thank you.

### **Fantastic LAMDA examination results at St Nicholas**

Centrestage is delighted to announce that the LAMDA examination results for the end of last academic year are outstanding. 100% of pupils have passed with Distinction (achieving over 80%)! We are so proud of all the pupils who took part. They have shown excellent determination, talent, and perseverance, whilst improving skills such as modulation, confidence, and clarity of speech. We really hope that all our wonderful pupils enjoyed taking part in these exams, and that they are feeling incredibly proud of themselves.

If you would like more information about Speech lessons @ St Nicholas with Centrestage, please email [admin@centrestageschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@centrestageschool.org.uk)

### **Appropriate items for school**

We have seen an increase in pupils bringing items such as toys, jewels, crystals, lip gloss and key rings to school since returning from the summer holidays. These items are wholly inappropriate as they serve as a distraction to learning and cause upset when they are lost or have to be confiscated by staff. Please check your child's school bag to ensure that they are only bringing essential items such as their Reading Record and water bottle.

### **Theatre trips 2024**

We have organised a theatre trip for all pupils to share the Christmas festivities and as a reward for working hard all term.

EYFS and KS1 will be attending the Midland Art Centre (MAC) on Wednesday 11th December to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa.

KS2 will be attending the Lichfield Garrick on Thursday 12th December to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

Please see ParentMail for further information.

### **Young Voices 2024-25**

All of the places for our Young Voices choir have now been filled - thank you. Miss Smith is in the process of organising t-shirts and tickets. Please reply to the Parent Mail that you have been sent regarding these as soon as possible to ensure that we can order enough tickets for everyone.

### **PFA News**

Please find below details of some events coming up:

#### **PFA Watercolour Painting Night - Friday 27th September**

Do you fancy trying your hand at some painting? Come to this event in the school hall guided by a professional painting teacher...have fun, no judging at the end! If you want to buy a ticket, please contact Rose on 07852313806.

#### **PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Please attend the PFA AGM on Thursday, 3rd October 2024, 18:00 in the School Hall.

All parents and carers are welcome to discuss and decide future

#### **New School Year Disco**

Friday, 11th October 2024, 17:30 - 19:30 in the School Hall

#### **Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP**

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **Attendance**

We know that good attendance and punctuality are crucial in a child's education. Let's see which class had the strongest attendance this week:

Class	% attendance during w/c 16th September 2024
EYFS	97%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	98%
Congratulations to the joint winners... Year 2 & Year 4. You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Rehman and Mr Reid.	

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 24th September	9am-10.30am Year 6 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Wednesday 25th September	Little Kid Town (pop up role play) visiting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
W/c 30th September	Balance Bike training - EYFS
Tuesday 1st October	9am-10.30am Year 1 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 4th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 4th October	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 8th October	9am-10.30am Year 4 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 11th October	PFA New Starters' Disco at 5.30pm
W/c 14th October	Scholastic Book Fair every day after school
Tuesday 15th October	9am-10.30am Year 5 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd October	Photographs: Individuals, families & siblings More details TBC
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 24th October	Year 4 trip to Selly Manor - Tudors workshop

Friday 25th October	School closed to pupils - INSET day
W/c 28th October - HALF TERM - school closed	
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 5th November	Pupils return for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 5th November	9am-10.30am EYFS parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall & classroom
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Year 5 - Alton Castle information meeting via Zoom
Monday 18th November	Year 6 - Blackwell information meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to Midlands Art Centre to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa
Thursday 12th December	KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only
Friday 31st January 2025	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham

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