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Jesus Christ.*

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Dear Parents/Carers

7th July 2023

Year 3 - 'Going Forth'

On Friday, Year 3 celebrated their Going Forth day. Pupils attended a beautiful Mass in the morning whilst dressed in their Holy Communion clothes and then had a class celebration in their classroom. It was wonderful to celebrate together as a class and have a whole class photo on the steps of the Altar. Well done Year 3, it has been a pleasure to witness this beginning to your Eucharistic life. God bless you all.

Gospel Virtues

This week pupils have been introduced to the focus Gospel Virtues for this half term: INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC.

The following pupils have been awarded wristbands this week as they have been seen living the focus virtues: Rowan (Rec) & Orla (Y3).

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Sacramental meetings - a message from Father Allen

Parents of children in the current Year 2 and Year 5. A reminder of the meetings for parents and children celebrating Holy Communion, Reconciliation for the first time, or receiving Confirmation, at St Nicholas during the academic year 2023/24. These meetings are at **9am on July 8th and 5pm July 9th**. Please choose whichever suits you best. Please come to the church where Fr Allen will meet with parents, and from where children will be taken to meet with Deacon John and others in the Benedict Room. The meetings will last about 60 minutes including a time of prayer that the children will help prepare.

PFA Friday Family Fun - 14th July

You will have received a Parentmail this week about the 'Great Boldmere Bake Off' and family fun taking place for one hour after school on Friday 14th July. Please do try to support this if you can - there may even be a chance to see some staff members in the stocks!

Please remember that 3.30pm pick up from school is normal. If pupils wish to enter the Bake Off then they will need to bring in their cakes (named and with an allergen list) on Friday morning. All pupils can also bring £1 for the 'Squishie' raffle.

The PFA want this to be some end of term fun for pupils - please join us if you can!

Achievement Assembly

The Achievement Assembly on Friday 14th July will be the last assembly of the year for Rec-Y5. Please note that this is also the last day for any award earned outside of school to be presented (swimming certificates, etc).

During the Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21st July, only Year 6 pupils (and their siblings if absolutely necessary) will receive certificates of any kind.

After school clubs

Please note that there will be no after school clubs during w/c 17th July.

Attendance

Due to a technical hitch it hasn't been possible to announce attendance this week. Normal service will be resumed next week!

Sports' News

Football

The mighty St Nicholas 7-a-side football team was again victorious this week in a hard-fought cup game against Whitehouse Common School. At full-time, the score was 3-3 (St Nicholas coming back from a 3-1 deficit). This meant the game was destined to a penalty shoot out. St Nicholas scored all three of their penalties with Whitehouse Common missing their 2nd. We march on to the next round of the cup. Once again, the boys were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Amazon wish list

Many thanks to all of the parents who have kindly donated books from our wish list. Your contribution to our growing love of reading at St Nicholas is greatly appreciated. For anybody who would like to purchase a book for children to enjoy, the links are as follows:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

Each year, St Nicholas takes part in the Summer Reading Challenge, where children are encouraged to read six books of any genre throughout the summer holidays. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives. Library staff and volunteers will help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

For children who took part in 2022:

77% read more over the summer holidays

75% improved their reading skills

71% felt more confident about their reading

To take part, please visit Boldmere library or go online to: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. For further information, please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>.

July's word of the month

Our **word of the month is benevolent.**

Jesus teaches us to always be kind to our neighbours. We look forward to children upleveling the word 'kind' to 'benevolent' in their writing.

Phonics home links

Miss Beamond's green group: [ou](#) [oy](#) [ir](#)

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Vale's pink group: [ay](#) [ee](#) [igh](#)

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

Mrs Connor's orange group: [i-e](#) [o-e](#)

Mrs Burling-Finn's purple group: [ir](#) [ar](#)

Mrs Maguire's yellow group: [oy](#)

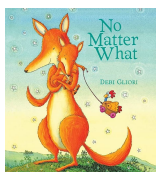
Mrs Shephard's blue group: [ow](#) [oa](#)

Miss Smith's grey group: [ay/ai/a-e](#) [igh/i-e](#)

Staff book recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Connor recommends...

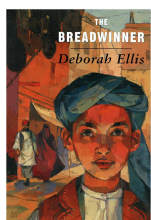
No Matter What by Debi Gliori



I'm grim and grumpy,' says Small to Large, 'and I don't think you love me at all.' But nothing could be further from the truth--and Large knows just how to reassure Small in this warm and tender bedtime story about a child's worry and a parent's endless capacity for love.

[Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mrs Noble-Barton recommends... *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis



Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. It is a dangerous plan, but their only chance. In fear, she goes out - and witnesses the horror of landmines, the brutality of the Taliban, and the desperation of a country trying to survive. But even in despair lies hope...

[Click to purchase](#)

Dates for your diary

Mon 10/7	Catholic Schools Athletics Competition @ Alexander Stadium
Weds 12/7	Year 6 secondary transition day
Mon 17/7	4.30pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 and their families
Fri 21/7	Whole school Mass at 10am in church
Fri 21/7	2pm Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21/7	Last day in school for pupils - end of academic year 2022/23

INSET days 2023/24

Please note that three INSET days have so far been set for next academic year, these are:

Monday 4th September

Friday 27th October (the day we break up for October half term)

Monday 6th November (the Monday after October half term)

Details of further INSETs will be communicated as soon as they have been set.

Term dates can be found on our website.

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

