



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God Who Speaks

Today is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, one of the most famous apparitions of Our Lady. Mary shows us a pure and perfect version of motherhood. Below is a Litany to Our Lady which you could offer up for the important, caring and nurturing women in your family:

Mother of Christ, pray for us.
Mother of divine grace, pray for us.
Mother most pure, pray for us.
Mother most chaste, pray for us.
Mother inviolate, pray for us.
Mother undefiled, pray for us.
Mother most amiable, pray for us.
Mother most admirable, pray for us.



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=52.9>

Gospel Virtues

The following children have received a 'Curious and Active' wristband this week as they have been seen living out our focus Gospel Virtues. Well done to: Alex, Maja & Lily (Y5), Joseph & Laurence (Rec), Caoimhe & Greta (Y2).

Chaplaincy Team week of prayer

Wow! Our Chaplaincy Team members have been amazing this week as they have led the whole school in a week of prayer with a theme of 'Discipleship'. They have visited other classes to lead prayer, talked about religious art work to classes and written their own prayers:

Father in Heaven,
Thank you for my family - watch over my loved ones.
Thank you for play - help me be happy and free.
Thank you for my school - teach me to listen and learn.
Thank you for food and rest - give us lovely food and peaceful sleep.
Thank you for all these wonderful things.
Amen (By Emily - Year 1 Chaplaincy Team)

God and Jesus help us pray.
Thank you for our many blessings.
Amen (By Francis - Year 1 Chaplaincy Team)

Penny Drive

A huge 'thank you' to for the kind donations to the PFA Penny Drive. This week's whole school total is an amazing £347.41! Well done to the class winners - Year 4.
We extend our thanks also to the PFA volunteers who spent their Friday morning counting the money.
The Penny Drive continues next week...!

INSET Days for remaining for this academic year - school closed to pupils

There are two remaining INSET days this academic year, these are: **Monday 6th June & Friday 1st July.**

Children's Mental Health Week

There have been various activities happening around school this week linked to Children's Mental Health week. Some of them can be seen on our Twitter feed.

On Sunday night at 6.50pm the Duchess of Cornwall is reading a bedtime story on CBeebies in support of Mental Health Week. She will be reading *The owl who was afraid of the dark*.

St Nicholas school continues to take a proactive approach to Social, Emotional and Mental Health with multiple members of staff being 'Mental Health First Aid' trained and groups such as 'Rainbows' and 'Shooting Stars' taking place to support pupils' emotional development and resilience.

Car Park

Due to a current lack of human resourcing at the moment, it is not possible to put up the bollards at the car park entrance and exit each day to prevent parking in the Church car park and make the space safe for families at the start and end of the school day. Please show care and consideration when parking to drop or collect your children each day, preferably refraining from parking in the Church car park at all as it becomes congested and very unsafe.

Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours, away from the Church car park. The School Council have been working on banners that will remind people to park responsibly and we are still investigating alternative measures to ensure the safety of our children as they enter and exit the site each day. As soon as I have more information, you will be informed of my plans. For now, please find somewhere else to park and walk onto the site, it is the only way to prevent a serious incident. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

SATS Evening

All parents of children in Year 6 are invited to an online SATs information session at **6pm on Monday 14th March**. Zoom link is below and will be sent out nearer the time.

The purpose of this short session led by Mr Reid and Mrs Noble-Barton, is to update parents on the practical arrangements during SATs week (w/c 9th May) and to give you tips on how to help your child during the run up to these tests.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96204679237?pwd=Wm1wbEw3alRKck1uaFl1K0lKM2xUdz09>

Meeting ID: 962 0467 9237

Passcode: sZr2pV

Bring a Birthday Book!

As launched in assembly today, we are inviting pupils to donate a book to school instead of / as well as bringing in sweets on their birthday. **This is only a suggestion and we know that cost will be prohibitive for some families - no child will ever be asked if they have bought a book.**

Please see the flyer, designed by our Reading Ambassador children, attached to this email.

If you wish to purchase a book for your child's birthday, some ideas can be found on our Amazon wish list, links below:

Rec: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1XTKQGAXRJ1BE?ref=wl_share

Y1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3U5HEYZSN9R0X?ref=wl_share

Y2: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/EWBWJHRKWHTX?ref=wl_share

Y3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3H857MNDI9ADM?ref=wl_share

Y4: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OUC54OLCGUF8?ref=wl_share

Y5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35MELMNZEQXDI?ref=wl_share

Y6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3UU3K8OUZVS03?ref=wl_share

Supervising children after dismissal from school

Once your child or children have been dismissed from school staff please ensure that they are adequately supervised. We have seen unsupervised pupils at the front of the school and in the church car park.

Collection

Please ensure you have notified school if alternative arrangements have been made to collect your child. Safeguarding is paramount when dismissing children and school staff will have to clarify if no notification has been received. Thank you.

Past pupil's fundraising plea

Eleanor Upham, a past pupil of St Nicholas, is running the London Marathon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that has supported her family. If you can, please support her by donating via the link below. Good Luck Eleanor!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Eleanor-Upham1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Eleanor-Upham1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=83aa1d63a6314396b1d24e14f9d51b41.

Movie Day - Friday 18th February

Please see the Parentmail sent earlier this week about the School Council 'Movie Day' fundraiser.

St Giles non-uniform day

Advance notice, Friday 4th March will be a non-uniform day. In return for a donation of £1, pupils will be asked to wear orange and/or white in aid of St Giles Hospice. This has been organised by Liam in Y5 whose family have been helped by St Giles. Well done Liam - you are demonstrating our Gospel Virtues of 'Curious and Active'.

Phonics Home Links

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?usp=sharing&ouid=111633488629756352211&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Reception Red Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IUjIQgzC/Rzi93jiY>

Reception Green Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/soDIP4Uk/FOJH2JXT>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xX6c3sn3/dLEo4aj6>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ys7zoAfd/DqhXix97>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fBPXkbcB/MYvf1W4k>

Green Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ttEgoPno/IhFDdiKK>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2jkjTkWp/TqOrgn9s>

Pink Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ttEgoPno/IhFDdiKK>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2jkjTkWp/TqOrgn9s>

Yellow Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/I8MfIn90/1mwVFEeH>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nGogLgTw/OKO4D6Eg>

Blue Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bH7Rvuud/4W6numDv>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RPE3FjFF/Xo4sId3e>

Grey Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xlufbj73/u6mGKy2Y>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kDjOw51k/jcZKSrtj>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NDcKALWq/Hv1QEQ42>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zvGEr5Wm/g0eeoxfL>

Dates for your diary

W.b. 14th February	Shakespeare Week across school
17th February	Year 4 WW2 Day
18th February	Movie Day across school
18th February	Year 4 FHC Celebration Day (P/graphs from 8.30am. Mass @ 9.30am)
18th February	End of Spring Term 1 - break up for half term.
W.b. 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 28th February	School reopens - first day of Spring Term 2
W.b. 28th February	RSHE block week across school
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
15th & 16th March	Parents' Evenings

God bless,

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