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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome the pupils back into their new classes this week; everyone looks smart, fresh and ready for the year ahead! We have also welcomed our brand new EYFS class who attended part time this week, please keep them in your prayers as they start full time attendance on Monday. Just a reminder that if you have any queries or questions about school life, your first port of call is your child's class teacher. Class teachers can be reached through enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk and will aim to respond to you within 48 hours. Everyone at St Nicholas looks forward to working with parents & carers to help the pupils make as much academic, social and spiritual progress as possible this year.

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?**

We continue to look at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Vietnamese.

Lord's prayer in Vietnamese

Lạy Cha chúng con ở trên trời,
chúng con nguyện danh Cha cả sáng, nước Cha trị đến,
ý Cha thể hiện dưới đất cũng như trên trời.
Xin Cha cho chúng con hôm nay lương thực hằng ngày,
và tha nợ chúng con như chúng con cũng tha kẻ có nợ chúng con.
Xin chớ để chúng con sa chước cám dỗ,
nhưng cứu chúng con cho khỏi sự dữ.
Amen.



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Class and whole school Masses

Our fortnightly rota of Masses will now take place every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm and will be in church. Parents are welcome to attend.

Gifts from God assembly - Friday afternoons

We are changing our Friday afternoon assemblies slightly. They are now rebranded 'Gifts from God' assembly as we are celebrating those gifts and talents which God gives with abundance. These assemblies will now take place fortnightly to make room in the timetable for our 'Songs of Praise' hymn practice every other week (parents don't attend the hymn practice).

The dates of Gifts from God assemblies for this half term are as follows and parents are still invited to attend should they wish:

Friday 20th September at 2.45pm

Friday 4th October at 2.45pm

Friday 18th October at 2.45pm

As per last year, you will receive a parentmail the day before the assembly if your child is having a certificate or award given by school. Should your child wish to have something from outside of school presented, please drop these into the school office no later than the day before the assembly. Please be judicious with these external awards and ensure that the certificate/medal/trophy is something that your child really wants to have presented in assembly and that they can talk about what it is and how they earned it. Thank you.

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.

Barriers

Please note that due to budgetary constraints, we have not been able to keep Mr Bridgewood in post as the gate attendant in the **parish** car park. The barriers/cones should be put in place in the afternoon (around 3.10pm) by a member of MAC site team *however* it is unlikely that cones/barriers will be in place during the morning. **Please refrain from driving onto the parish car park between 8.40am and 9.05am.** Year 6 pupils walking to school unaccompanied will be advised to walk down the footpath on the right hand side as you look at church rather than walking across the car park. If we work together, we can ensure the safety of all of our community.

School Games Mark - Silver Award

Attached to this email you will find more information about the School Games Mark Silver Award which St Nicholas has been awarded for the academic year 2023/24. This award recognises how good we are at encouraging pupils to take part in sports & competitions. As a small school this means even more as it recognises the fact that our staff go above and beyond to give as many pupils as possible the opportunity to compete and experience different events. Huge thanks to all staff and parents but particularly to Mr Reid who coordinates so much of our sporting offer.



SVP Parish Tea - Sunday 8th September

The St Vincent de Paul society is putting on an afternoon tea with a quiz for children and raffle for adults at 3pm on Sunday 8th September in the Newman Centre. Why not pop along for cake to raise money for such a fantastic charity.

Bishop Walsh Open Evening

On Wednesday 18th September at 5pm Bishop Walsh Catholic School invites you to attend their open evening. This is particularly for parents & pupils in the current Year 6 but anyone is welcome to attend.

PFA News

New year, same brilliant PFA raising much needed funds for our school. Please find below details of some events coming up:

Captain Nick's Crew Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, 14th September 2024, 14:00 - 16:00 at Boldmere Gate. This fun activity is open to all male carers and dads, along with the children.

PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday, 3rd October 2024, 18:00 in the School Hall

All parents and carers are welcome.

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>

Dates for the diary

Monday 9th September	EYFS full time attendance
Tuesday 10th September	St Edmund Campion Open evening - 5.30pm
Monday 16th September	Phonics Information Evening for EYFS parents at 5.45pm in the school hall
Wednesday 18th September	Bishop Walsh open evening at 5pm
Friday 20th September	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 24th September	9am-10.30am Year 6 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
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

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

God bless,

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