



*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

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1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **God Who Speaks**

During our INSET today we have been discussing our mission as a Catholic community. The following piece of scripture reminds us that our first mission is that given at our Baptism - to spread the word of God:

*'So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptise them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world.'* **Matthew 28**

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=64.5>

### **Gospel Virtues - who has a wristband this week?**

The following children have been awarded a wristband for living out our Gospel Virtues of 'Attentive and Discerning' this week:

Francesca, Jessica, Sienna, Orla, Lizzie, Isla & Nancy (Y1)

Natasha (Y5) Saffron (Y3) Isabella (REC), Annabelle (REC), Edward (Y5), Alex (Y5), Finley (REC), Chiara (REC).

### **Safeguarding concerns - dedicated email address**

Safeguarding of pupils is our number one priority at St Nicholas Catholic School. Our DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) receive regular supervision and training in their role.

We are aware that sometimes you may wish to email a safeguarding concern or query to school without going through the 'enquiry@' email address. To this end we have set up a safeguarding email address [dsl@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:dsl@stnicholassutton.org.uk) which can be used by anyone to email a safeguarding concern to our DSLs. This will be monitored regularly and will be monitored when the school is closed for holidays. **Please note that during non-term time if you have a serious concern about a child you should contact the police.**

### **Food bank collection - 8th July - we need your help!**

One of our parents, Mrs Sarah McAuley, is spearheading a collection of food for a Sutton Coldfield foodbank. Unfortunately, there is high demand for help from food banks in our area and so any help would be greatly appreciated. **Please bring donations of non-perishable food goods to school any time during Friday 8th July.** If you are free to help Mrs McAuley transport the items to Sutton Town Hall on the afternoon of the 8th please contact Mrs McAuley directly or contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Achievement Assemblies**

There is an Achievement Assembly on **Friday 8th July** - Year 3 will not be able to attend due to their Cadbury World Trip.

The final Achievement Assembly of the academic year will be held on **Friday 15th July.**

Year 6 pupils (and their siblings) can receive certificates during their Leavers' Assembly at 2pm on Thursday 21st July.

### **Year 6 - swimming**

Year 6 parents will have received a Parentmail communication about the swimming sessions happening for this class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Pupils will be walking to/from Wyndley and so can wear trainers on those days.

### Staffing allocation for academic year 2022-23

It's that time of year when we start to think about transition arrangements into pupils' new classes for the next school year. On Wednesday (6th) our Year 6 pupils will spend the day at their new secondary schools and the rest of the school will have 'move up morning' where they spend some time with their new teacher and TA. Please find below our staffing structure for 2022-23.

Executive Principal: Mr N. Porter (DSL)

Head of School: Mrs C. Noble-Barton (DSL)

| Year group | Class teacher/s                                 | Teaching Assistant Support                           |
|------------|---|--|
| Reception  | Mrs J. Griffiths                                | Miss E. Beamond<br>Mrs S. Vale (Thursday and Friday) |
| Year 1     | Miss R. Guest                                   | Mrs G. Connor  |
| Year 2     | Mrs C. Finn-Taylor<br>Mrs J. Burton (Wednesday) | Mrs A. Rayment                                       |
| Year 3     | Miss R. Finn<br>(SENCO from Sept 2022)          | Mrs J. Filipiuk                                      |
| Year 4     | Mr I. Reid (Senior Leader)                      | Mrs C. Shephard                                      |
| Year 5     | Miss K. Gamlen                                  | Mrs H. Maguire                                       |
| Year 6     | Miss K. Smith (Senior Leader)                   | Mrs H. Maguire                                       |

### Saying goodbye and hello!

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that a few names are missing as some staff members are moving on at the end of this academic year:

- Ms W. Green is retiring after 15 years spent teaching across St Nicholas School.
- Miss F. Ampleford is leaving to move out of education after 12 years supporting many pupils through our school.
- Mrs K. Hannon-Dalby, who started at this school as an NQT in 2014, is taking her acquired leadership skills to a Deputy Headship at St Margaret Mary School in Perry Common.
- Mrs C. Hickman is retiring after working in our school office for 16 years.
- Mrs K. Bansal leaves us after two terms teaching Y5 as her contract comes to an end.

I'm sure you will join us at the Leavers' Mass on **Monday 11th July at 4.30pm** to say goodbye, not only to Year 6, but to these wonderful members of staff. There will also be presentations at the end of the Leavers' assembly on 21/7.

We welcome two new members of staff to our St Nicholas community from September:

- Miss Katie Gamlen joins us as Y5's class teacher. Miss Gamlen has been teaching at St Joseph's in Four Oaks for several years and is very excited to return to her old primary school to teach!
- Mrs Joanna Filipiuk is an experienced Teaching Assistant who joins us from St Wilfrid's in Castle Bromwich. A devout Catholic, Mrs Filipiuk will be supporting in our Y3 class as well as supporting pupils across the school.

I'm sure you will offer Miss Gamlen and Mrs Filipiuk a warm welcome.

## **Classrooms**

In order to meet the needs of our pupils, we are temporarily changing the logistics of our KS2 classrooms. This means that the current Y4 class will stay in their current classroom for the duration of Year 5. They will then move, as normal, into the Y6 classroom.

## **'New Starters' sessions**

We also welcome our new Reception intake this week (Tuesday 5th) for their 'stay and play' session with Mrs Griffiths and Miss Beamond. We are looking forward to welcoming these children to our St Nicholas community.

## **Going Forth - Year 3**

A reminder that Year 3's 'Going Forth' day is on Friday 15th July. Official photographers will be set up in the school hall and available for family photographs from 8.30am. All pupils will have an individual photograph and there will also be a class shot.

Mass in church for Year 3 and their families will be at 10am.

Children will need to come to school dressed in their FHC clothes and will need to bring their uniform with them to change after Mass. Please provide your child with a suitable bag/suit carrier for their FHC clothes - if you wish to collect their FHC clothes after Mass you are welcome to. Pupils will have a small party in their classroom and then will attend Achievement Assembly as normal.

Pupils will be presented with the FHC pins and certificates after Mass.

## **A message from Mark Parkes - recent fundraising**

"A Big Thank You from Me "

Hi Everyone, I just wanted to send a really big thank you to everyone that supported me (either by way of best wishes or very generous donations) in the London to Paris cycle ride for Cure Leukaemia, which I completed on 19<sup>th</sup> June. It was four days of gruelling cycling in temperatures that topped over 40 degrees on the Saturday heading into Beauvais, but thankfully myself and the other 130 riders pedalled into Paris late Sunday afternoon.

So far the fund raising has surpassed £5600, meaning £56,000 worth of new medicines will be made available for clinical trials and this will be aimed at children with blood cancer in the future. I, along with the charity are most grateful for your generosity towards this cause, which as you know is very close to my heart!

I hope you all have a fantastic end to the term and a really enjoyable summer.

## **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 - 'sh' 'th'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/A4so29MF/Vyrv0CkE>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/HX13X0UI/I8hDXLKZ>

Green- 'oo' and 'oo'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hoHcF4an/LpQyaJoi>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Y6dokpr1/cxogNXYW>

Purple - 'ar' 'oo'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/AD8tIqpH/H4yNYO3F>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Y6dokpr1/cxogNXYW>

Orange- 'a-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XdUsxtwN/pJ3ZsRCr>

Grey- 'o-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pmOkUCNS/v0sSnaWG>

Guided Reading - 'a-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VGqwgyld/AgV7iX1Z>

**Dates for your diary**

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|----------------|--|
| 8th July       | Year 3 trip to Cadbury World                                 |
| 11th-13th July | Year 5 trip to Alton Castle                                  |
| 11th July      | Leavers' Mass at 4.30pm                                      |
| 14th July      | Sports' Day  |
| 15th July      | Year 3 'Going Forth'   |
| 18th-20th July | Year 6 trip to Blackwell                                     |
| 21st July      | Last day of this academic year - Leavers' Assembly at 2pm    |
| Mon 5th Sept   | INSET Day  |
| Tues 6th Sept  | Pupils' first day back (Years 1-6) for academic year 2022-23 |

God bless,

Mr Porter  
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby  
Acting Vice Principal



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