



30th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Gospel Virtues - who has a wristband this week?

This half term we are learning to be *COMPASSIONATE* and *LOVING* as we are taught in the Gospel. The following children have received a wristband because they have been living out our focus Gospel Values: Alexander (Reception), Aidan (Year 5), Maddie (Y6), George D (Y6), George M (Y6) and Lily (Y6).

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/faith?pid=MTA101634&v=70.2>

Prospective Parents' Sessions

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023? If so, you may want to attend our Prospective Parents Open Sessions. There are four slots to choose from (listed below) and each session will feature a short talk from a senior member of staff followed by a tour of the school. You will receive a pack containing key information and documents and there will be ample opportunity to ask any questions you may have about our school and about the admissions process.

If you wish to attend, please telephone the school office on 0121 355 2649 to book your place.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 14th November at 9.15am

Tuesday 15th November at 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th November at 11am

Thursday 17th November at 2.30pm

If you know anyone who has a child ready for school in September 2023, please pass on this information to them. Thank you.

Class photo proofs - deadline is 11th October

Your child should have brought home a proof of their class photograph this week. Please note that, if you wish to order, the deadline for orders to reach our school office is Tuesday 11th October.

Air Ambulance Fundraising Day - thank you

Thank you for your support for Thursday's fundraising non-uniform day. Hope and Anna-Arissa (Y5) wanted to raise money for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and, thanks to your support, we have been able to raise £208.80 so far.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This morning we celebrated the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Huge thanks to Mrs Norton and her band of PFA helpers. The total raised at the time of writing the newsletter was £409.65 - thank you!

Wellbeing Newsletter - attached

Please find attached a wellbeing newsletter. This week's topic is how to help your child/ren manage feelings of anger.

Statutory spellings

The National Curriculum sets out a list of spellings that children should be able to spell accurately by Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. These are taught in school but attached for your information; practising these with your child at home will support their learning and progress.

Amazon Wish List

Each classroom at St Nicholas has its own age-appropriate library and from here, your child can choose a fiction, non-fiction or poetry book to read and enjoy. With your support so far, we have made great strides in filling each library with inviting books for your child. However, **we still need your help!** We have updated the Amazon wish list of books for each year group, compiled from texts that are recommended by The Book Trust and those which support topics that your child will be learning about. We would hugely appreciate any donations of books from these lists. They really will support your child's learning journey at St Nicholas and we will celebrate your kindness on Twitter.

Bring a birthday book!

This is the gift that keeps on giving! When it is your child's birthday, donating a book for the rest of their class to enjoy would again be greatly appreciated. We will put a sticker inside the book to acknowledge it as a gift on your child's birthday as well as photographing your child with the book on Twitter.

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

Year 1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3U5HEYZSN9ROX?ref=wl_share

Year 2: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/EWBWJHRKWHTX?ref=wl_share

Year 3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3H857MNNDI9ADM?ref=wl_share

Year 4: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OUC54OLCGUF8?ref=wl_share

Year 5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OUC54OLCGUF8?ref=wl_share

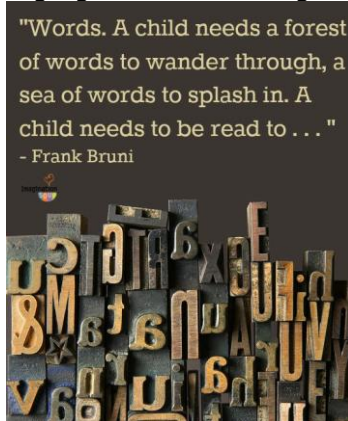
Year 6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3UU3K80UZVS03?ref=wl_share

Y2/KS2 parent reading information session - Monday 3rd October at 9:00am

Parents of children in Years 2-6 are invited to attend an information session led by Miss Smith which will guide you through your child's reading journey after they have completed the Phonics programme and into Key Stage 2. The session will last for approximately 30 minutes and we will be discussing all things reading and how you can support your child's reading at home. We will also be giving out a handy resource pack. We look forward to seeing you there!

Word of the month

We are striving to support the development of your child's vocabulary with the intention of them being able to use a range of ambitious language in their writing. One way that we are doing this is by introducing a whole



school monthly word focus.

St Nicholas' FIRST EVER 'word of the month' is... **MESMERISING**

Please take a look at the attached poster which will be displayed around school and explored in your child's classroom.

Thank you for all of the word suggestions which have come in from children and adults. We are keeping a record of all suggested words - please keep them coming!

Books

Please could all parents ensure that books brought home by your child are returned to school each week, particularly Phonics story books. We need these to be shared by lots of different children and they are incredibly expensive to replace! Phonics books are given out on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday. Your child's Phonics teacher will be monitoring the return of these books to ensure that they can be enjoyed by everyone.

Phonics - home video links

Red group - ch - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5f2mGN03/btsLTvIU>

Green group- ar - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Z9owWu7Y/GHF1lqjO>
or - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kq1IroWP/YubDgROL>

Purple group - ow - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4RPQpCb6/WwQtkvok>

Pink group - oo - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KmT5lJSA/FCao7p5x>

Yellow group - aw - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1FXi9bSV/bREhXnxH>

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Dates for your diary

Monday 3/10	KS2 + Y2 reading meeting at 9am
Friday 14/10	PFA Whole School Disco 6pm - 8pm - pupils & families - tickets from PFA
19th Oct	Whole school Harvest Mass - 1.30pm in church
19th & 20th Oct	Parents' evenings
Friday 21/10	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
W/c 24/10	Half term
Tuesday 1/11	Individual photographs

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School



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