



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

8th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God who Speaks

During Mass this Sunday we hear one of the most well-known Gospels, the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The man answered, "Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." Also, "You must love your neighbour as you love yourself." Luke 10.

Wednesday Word

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/neighbour?pid=MTA101634&v=65.6>

Gospel Virtues - who has a wristband this week?

We continue to strive to be 'Attentive' and 'Discerning' this half term. The following pupils have been seen living out these virtues and have been given a wristband this week:

All of Reception class!, Nancy (Y1) & Frankie (Y1).

Y6 Leavers' Mass

A reminder that the Y6 Leavers' Mass takes place on Monday 11th July at 4.30pm in church. This is for Y6 children and their family. PFA volunteers will be providing light refreshments in the school hall afterwards - please join us.

Food Bank thank you

On behalf of Mrs McAuley we would like to say a big 'thank you' for the donations made today to Sutton Coldfield Town Hall's food bank. It is worrying to hear that demand is high at the moment as people are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for putting your faith into action by helping the vulnerable.

Sepsis Awareness

This week we welcomed one of our parents, Mr Brian Davies, into school to deliver an assembly on Sepsis Awareness. Mr Davies works as a fundraiser for The Sepsis Trust UK and told us all about being 'Sepsis Savvy'. Pupils have also completed some work on this in their PSHE lessons. Each pupil will be bringing home some 'symptom cards' for your information. We will be completing some fundraising for this great charity in the new academic year.

Weather

Summer has arrived! The forecast for next week is a prolonged period of hot and sunny weather. Please ensure that you have applied sun cream to your child before school and that they bring a water bottle and a sun hat every day.

School Reports & Results of Statutory Assessments

Your child/ren's school report will be sent out before the end of term. If your child is in EYFS then their report will contain details of their progress in the key areas of the EYFS profile. If your child is in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 or Year 6 then you will receive an extra document with your child's report. This additional report will contain your child's statutory assessment results along with information you need to compare St Nicholas' results to the national picture.

We are very pleased with our statutory assessment results this year. The very hard work of pupils and staff combined with the support of parents has made for a very pleasing picture.

Alton Castle - Y5

Our Y5 pupils are off on their residential trip to Alton Castle from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th July. We hope they have a wonderful time and that they return with amazing memories and an enriched faith. Y5 parents will have received a separate Parentmail message today with more detailed arrangements for Monday morning.

Sports' Day

A reminder that Sports' Day takes place on Thursday 14th July at Braemar Fields. KS2 will start at 9.45am and EYFS/KS1 will start at 1.30pm. Please remember that children are in the care of staff during sports' day - spectators will be required to stay in the clearly marked area.

Reading the newsletter!

We may be preaching to the choir here but...it is important that parents read the weekly newsletter and refer to it in the first instance when a question arises. We have limited capacity in our school office and often find that Mrs Nutbrown and Mrs Hickman are fielding phone calls and emails about topics which have featured on the newsletter or have been communicated via Parentmail. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

Last day of term

This week the pupils enjoyed a morning with the members of staff who will be teaching and supporting them next year. As we hurtle towards the end of this academic year, a word on the last day of term (21st July).

- There will be a whole school Mass in church at 10am on 21/7. This is to give thanks for all which has been achieved by pupils, staff, parents and governors this year.
- The Leavers' Assembly will take place in the school hall at 2pm. This for Year 6 parents and families. Year 6 and their siblings can also receive certificates in this assembly.

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>

Green - 'ar' 'or'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bVPCbNeS/Bp1ZHUed>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2gXsjjE6/MTeF7hLI>

Orange: o-e and a-e

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/h2nxbnDP/O6lO46Ui>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vqJ4xGyc/NiJD7wXI>

Blue: 'aw'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nkT5W9TW/FyZEY9I7>

Red: 'ch'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yzCyZWor/Z6OnGewg>

Purple - 'or'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2gXsjjE6/MTeF7hLI>

Dates for your diary

11th-13th July Year 5 trip to Alton Castle
11th July Leavers' Mass at 4.30pm - Y6 pupils and parents
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 - Whole school Mass at 10am in Church
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
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