



7th October 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: Jonathan (Year 2).

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/thankfulness?pid=MTA101634&v=71.3>

Jewellery and Hair Accessories

A reminder of the expectations around jewellery and hair accessories. These are extensions of uniform and so should follow the following guidelines:

- Hair accessories (hair bands, alic bands etc) should be plain (nothing stuck on such as flowers) and in school colours which are navy and yellow/gold.



- We allow pupils to wear one set of stud earrings. Preferably these should be removable for PE but if not, pupils should cover them with micropore tape or plasters.

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.

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.

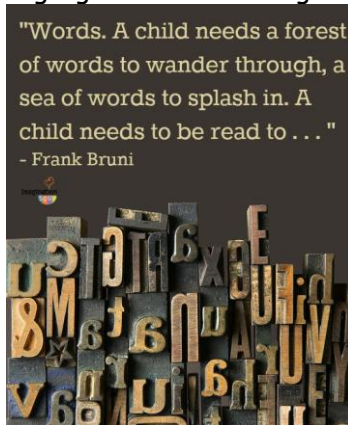
Reception: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1XTKQGAXRJ1BE?ref=wl_share

Year 1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3U5HEYZSN9R0X?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/3H857MNDI9ADM?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

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!

Book recommendations

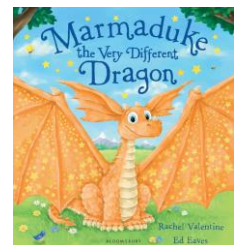
For EYFS and KS1 - Miss Beamond recommends...

Marmaduke and the Very Different Dragon by Rachel Valentine

Marmaduke's not like all the other dragons - his ears are too big and he never even tries to fly. He just doesn't fit in, however much he wants to, and so he feels terribly lonely.

And Princess Meg? Well, she wears trainers and breaks into dance at the most inappropriate of times, which means that she sticks out like a sore thumb. She doesn't really have any friends, but then she's far too busy having fun to notice . . . Until one day when Marmaduke and Meg's lives collide in the most exciting, brilliant and surprising way and they both realise just how much they need each other.

And, who knows, maybe a princess and a dragon will make the most perfect best friends. [This book can be purchased from Amazon here.](#)



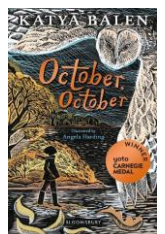
For KS2 - Miss Guest recommends...

October, October by Katya Balen

That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

Written in Katya Balen's heart-stoppingly beautiful style, this book is a feast for the senses, filled with the woodsmoke smell of crisp autumn mornings and the sound of wellies squelching in river mud. And, as October fights to find the space to be wild in the whirling chaos of the world beyond the woods, it is also a feast for the soul.

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Phonics - home video links

Reception class - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9o0GIUD5/okvMEKj4>

Red group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XYpTKVki/IQ4hib93>

Green group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hi3d1nih/EOgoyB3a>

Purple group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Zm5hzKLV/24Bas9I4>

Pink group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Q8yV8gmO/dtSpcRHZ>

Yellow group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kzkJjs0n/INSpSbAV>

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Dates for your diary

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,

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Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School



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