



11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Remembrance Day



Today we gathered in the hall as a whole school to take part in the Royal British Legion's national live assembly to mark Remembrance Day. We heard stories from servicemen and women as well as their families and we listened to some moving music. At 11am we marked the two minutes silence and prayed for those involved in past and present conflicts as well as praying for peace in our world.

The memorial wall in our entrance hall is slowly building. Your child will come home this weekend with a slip of paper on which they can write the name or names of people who are to be remembered. Your child should bring this slip back into school at the start of next week so that it can be placed on our memorial wall.

If, for any reason, this is too painful for your child or family then please simply ignore it.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on being 'FAITH-FILLED' and 'HOPEFUL'. The following children have been seen living out these virtues and have been awarded a wristband this week:

Rory (Y4), Mabel (Rec), Francesca (Y2), Emily (Y2), Cora (Y4), Paddy (Y2) & Rowan (Rec).

### Kindness Week

Next week, we are celebrating Kindness Week at St Nicholas with the theme of 'Reach Out'. On Monday, your child is invited to wear silly socks in order to recognise and celebrate our rich and varied God given gifts, talents and qualities. There is no cost involved. Throughout the week, children will explore kindness through a whole school assembly & PSHE sessions. Children are also invited to take part in a poster competition to raise awareness of this year's theme. **All entries should be submitted to Miss Smith by Friday 25th November 2022.** Please look out for some of our exciting activities on Twitter.

### Miss Finn Wedding

Please keep Miss Finn (Y3 teacher & SENDCO) in your prayers as she gets married this weekend! This is a COVID postponed wedding for which they have been waiting a long time. We wish Miss Finn and Mr Burling a wonderful day but, more importantly, a lifetime of love and laughter. Upon her return to school on Tuesday, Miss Finn will be known as Mrs Burling-Finn.

*'Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.'* 1 Corinthians 13:13.

### Centrestage Recital - Thursday 24th November

All pupils who participate in Centrestage lessons at school will be involved in a recital concert for parents on **Thursday 24/11 at 4pm** in the school hall. The recital will last for approximately 1 hour and is designed to show you what your children have been working on and which skills they have been developing during their Centrestage lessons.

There is no need to pick up your child from school at 3.30pm on this day if they take part in Centrestage. If you wish to send them with an extra drink and snack to have between the end of school and the beginning of the recital then please do so.

If your child is unable to attend then please let the school office know ASAP so that this can be passed on to Centrestage. Thank you.

### NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for parents

Please see the form sent out via Parentmail about this event.

### Residential Meetings

**Year 6:** There will be a virtual information session for Y6 parents regarding the Blackwell residential trip. The meeting will take place at 5pm on Thursday 17/11. Link is: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89610671185?pwd=cjIzeDIJMWNDcHA3WkttaEhyam9IUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 1067 1185

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**Year 5:** There will be a virtual information session for Y5 parents regarding the Alton Castle residential trip. The meeting will take place at 5pm on Tuesday 22/11. Link is:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87162411303?pwd=NDZHcGU1K2RmMUYrWmJjS3N3U3RUdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6241 1303

Passcode: KASQ66

### Phonics - home video links

Reception - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RS1ieLxK/aYyettL7>

Green - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Hg770bKF/Xub9hh2P>

Purple- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/26H3AONk/NIHNlori>

Pink- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/26H3AONk/NIHNlori>

Orange - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vMiyyKma/CL5SMFdT> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U0uU9LRI/gbbHGRQk>

Yellow - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vMiyyKma/CL5SMFdT> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U0uU9LRI/gbbHGRQk>

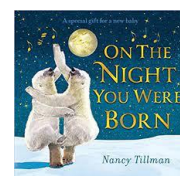
### Staff book recommendations

**For KS1 children, Mrs Griffiths recommends...**

*On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman

On the night you were born, the whole world came alive with thanksgiving. The moon stayed up till morning. The geese flew home to celebrate. Polar bears danced.

On the night you were born you brought wonder and magic to the world. Here is a book that celebrates you. It is meant to be carried wherever life takes you, over all the roads, through all the years.



**For KS2 children, Miss Smith recommends...**

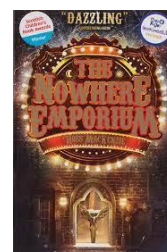
*The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie

When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.

Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined.

But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.

Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?



**Dates for your diary**

Tues 15/11 Year 5 trip to National Space Centre  
Thurs 17/11 Year 6 Parents' Meeting - Blackwell  
Mon 21/11 INSET Day - school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 22/11 Year 5 Parents' Meeting - Alton Castle  
Tuesday 13/12 EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only  
Wednesday 14/12 EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only  
Tuesday 3/1/23 INSET Day - school closed to pupils  
Wednesday 4/1/23 First day of Spring Term for pupils

God bless,

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Mrs Noble-Barton  
Head of School



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