



14th October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Harvest Collection & Mass

Our harvest collection is now open! Please see the attached flyer for details of what the Bethany Food Bank so desperately need.

Please join us to give thanks to the Lord for all that He provides from the land during our Harvest Mass on **Wednesday 19th October at 1.30pm** in church.

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

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues - who has got a wristband this week?

This half term we are learning to be more **COMPASSIONATE** and **LOVING**. The following children have received wristbands as they have been seen living out these virtues around school:

Clodagh (Rec), Mabel (Rec), Clara (Y6), Carter (Rec), Rose (Y5), Charlie (Y5) Ciaran (Y5), Annabelle (Y5), Harriet (Y5), Layla (Y5), Tommie (Y5), Finn B (Y6) Leo (Y2), Tommy (Rec) Aoife (Y4) Nina (Y3), Orla (Y3), Ewan (Y3), Luca (Y3), Ahara (Y3), Hope (Y3), Thomas (Y3) & Erin (Y3).

Procedures for contacting school

During busy school life, there will be times when you wish to have a discussion with school about your child or raise an issue/concern with us. If you wish to discuss your child, their progress or a friendship issue, **your first point of contact should be their class teacher** who can be contacted over the phone or via the enquiry@ email. If the issue persists, it is at this point that you should contact Mrs Noble-Barton for further discussion and action. Following on, if things still aren't resolved, this would be where Mr Porter becomes involved. This clear chain means that issues can be dealt with efficiently by the most appropriate member of staff.

Please do not hesitate to speak to school if you have any queries or concerns; this is far more constructive than discussing it at the school gate or on Whatsapp without involving school in the conversation.

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.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening appointments have now gone live. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties in booking. A reminder that **children should not attend parents' evening**. There is no member of staff free to supervise children at this time and it is not appropriate for children to listen to the professional conversations going on in the hall. Thank you for your support.

Friday afternoon assembly

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging the pupils to sit quietly before, during and after Friday afternoon assembly. If you are attending assembly, please enter and exit the hall quietly so that children see excellent role models. Thank you.

Sensory Room

Our sensory room is up and running! Pupils are already benefiting from the calming environment in helping to regulate strong feelings. Huge thanks to Mr & Mrs Norton as well as the PFA for funding lots of the furnishings & equipment and to Mr Barton (Mrs N-B's husband) for the heavy lifting!

Bake sale - Thursday 20th October

On Thursday, some charity minded Y6 girls will be hosting a bake sale to raise money for Ukrainian Refugees. If your child wishes to buy a cake then they will need £1. The girls are also running a raffle for the same cause. Tickets are £1.

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday 21st October is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. W/c 24.10.22 is half term. We will see all pupils back in school on Monday 31st October.

We continue to strive for excellent attendance at St Nicholas, so please ensure that your child is back in school on 31/10 so they don't suffer any lost learning time.

Scholastic book fair

The book fair will be here from Monday 17th-Thursday 20th October 2022. On Monday and Tuesday, this will be outside the front of school, under the canopy from **3:30-4:00pm**. On Wednesday and Thursday, it will be in the dining hall for parents to browse during Parents' evening until **5:30pm**. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity to purchase the latest books for your child whilst raising money for us to purchase books to read in school. Last year, we raised over £1000! We look forward to seeing you there.

NB: Unless you have the exact change, we will be accepting cards only.

Word of the Month

October has been 'mesmerising'. What will November be? Please send your suggestions for November's word of the month to Miss Smith by Monday 31st October 2022.

Family, sibling & individual photographs - Tuesday 1st November

Academy Photography will be in school on the above date to take individual and sibling photos. If you have children who are not in this school and you would like to have a photograph together, please arrive at 8.30am on Tuesday 1/11. If all siblings attend St Nicholas then sibling photos will be taken during the school day. All children will also have an individual shot.

Phonics - home video links

Reception - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/80Tt260V/ZPS6WXtZ> and
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RbHZzd08/rwjYUEQm>

Red group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Rs9A4Vm4/x00Pj85e>

Green Group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/f8rmc1qA/TH8jmIf7>

Purple group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oLoS6gyJ/Ferp3e8V>

Pink group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NeaEzO1p/Y5uPQ715>

Yellow group - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UsfW0q6d/QJWiCxDe>

Dates for your diary

Friday 14/10	PFA Whole School Disco 6pm - 8pm
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
Weds 2/11	Severn Trent Water Workshops
W/c 7/11 & W/c 14/11	Year 3 swimming (Tues-Fri each week) more details to follow
Mon 21/11	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 13/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Wednesday 14/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School



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