



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God Who Speaks

In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the power of the Holy Spirit, "*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted and set free all those who are oppressed.*" Luke 4

Try listening to this hymn as a family [God's Spirit is in my heart](#) which is based on the Gospel we hear this weekend.

Gospel Virtues

The following children have been exhibiting our focus Gospel Virtues of 'Curious' and 'Active' this week and have been sent to Mrs Noble-Barton to receive a special Gospel Virtues wristband. Well done to: Beau (Y2) and Clara (Y5).

Wednesday Word - enjoy the Gospel together as a family

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=49.4>

Mass attendance

Do you attend Sunday Mass as a family on a regular basis? COVID 19 changed many families' habits and forced so many away from the beautiful celebration of Mass. Perhaps it's now time for a rethink. If we are feeling confident enough to go to shops, restaurants or sporting events at the weekend should we also be attending Mass?

Part of the agreement made between home and school when your children started St Nicholas is regular Mass attendance (regardless of which parish you attend) so as to aid the lifelong formation of your child as a Catholic Christian. Pupils attend Mass on a rota basis at school but the celebration of Mass with their family is an experience which cannot be replaced.

If there is anything we can do to aid your return to Sunday Mass, please do not hesitate to have a chat with Mrs Noble-Barton.

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion - Year 3

Further to Father Allen's communications we can confirm the following dates:

- Pupils will receive the Sacrament of First Confession during Lent at the parish's regular times which are yet to be confirmed.
- First Holy Communion Masses will take place across the weekends of 7th & 8th May, 14th & 15th May and 21st & 22nd May.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 6

We now have a confirmed date from Bishop David Evans for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will take place on Friday 17th June at 7pm in St Nicholas Church.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Well done to Abi, Jacob, Owen and Adam K from Y5 who took part in a Primary Maths Challenge at King Edwards School. The team conducted themselves beautifully, worked hard and came joint third gaining a bronze medal! Huge well done to the children and thank you to Mr Reid for taking them.

Use of photos

Our school Twitter account is secure and follows all of the protocols for a school account including gaining parental consent and covering the faces of those pupils whose parents have not given consent. Unfortunately, we have been made aware of some parents taking screenshots from our Twitter account and sharing these on social media. Please do not do this. Just because parents have given their permission for their child to be on the school Twitter account does not mean they would be comfortable with those images appearing elsewhere. Social media is a powerful tool which we aim to use positively and safely - please help us with this.

Phonics Links

Red 'm' 'a' 's' 'd' 't'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sn1dTIMW/EXjgAPUA>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PUi5z1YZ/XYqZAHZb>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RLFFdXh/SAKrJOKy>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oviIFdGq/h9PPYoVu>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/x9xzgWZe/4jOnLRAE>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CQdSs0c6/9epPxxvZH>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uYlredJ9/Os5KwIFb>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QBXubEw8/JBy2JQU1>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BQNyd5XR/7woL8IEd>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mDnZJPvZ/erBryCMC>

Green 'ay' 'ee'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OG0Sl9f/iKwa5X3u>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ipfs9j8Z/XJEW6C3V>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aeZTNJ5r/MviMjwEe>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CvIOLa2I/378NcUxH>

Pink 'nk' 'ng'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bDld86X5/VqVRy7b7>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dJqIhLXX/mrs9hVNc>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WIbIpxBP/25ekVoI5>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XJVbP8Zz/Qfz41yIN>

Yellow 'ea' 'oi'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eTfCOYfA/QKErMFpX>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hQT+MIhu/rIYnpy3>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DfvCY1Xr/Oudxcofp>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4YXXBLk6/JUwiy7ZL>

Blue- 'ou' 'oo'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oM7vYwbt/XAETISj3>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u1LthUQb/IzBl1a>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hZzbuf9y/Uqfplbdl>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ueyBJh87/Bg8GuRrf>

Grey - 'ou', 'oo', 'u_e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oM7vYwbt/XAETISj3>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u1LthUQb/IzBl1a>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hZzbuf9y/Uqfplbdl>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ueyBJh87/Bg8GuRrf>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/49zrzB1U/spvo6fWo>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dKkGogKH/YiMUOYiA>

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby
Acting Vice Principal

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th January	Swimming Gala Trials (Part 2)
Mon 24th and Tues 25th Jan	Online Safety Workshops for the whole school
Friday 28th Jan	Day of Exposition in church - classes visiting throughout the day