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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 13th September 2024

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in Bengali...

Lord's prayer in Bengali:

হে আমাদের স্বর্গস্থ পিতা,
তোমার নাম পূজিত হউক,
তোমার রাজ্য আসুক,
তোমার ইচ্ছা যেমন স্বর্গে,
তেমনি পৃথিবীতেও পূর্ণ হউক,
আমাদের দৈনিক অন্ন আজ আমাদের দাও,
আর আমরা যেমন অপরাধীকে ক্ষমা করি তেমনি তুমিও আমাদের অপরাধ ক্ষমা কর,
আর আমাদের প্রলোভনে পড়তে দিও না,
কিন্তু মন্দের হাত থেকে উদ্ধার করো।
[রাজ্য, পরাক্রম ও মহিমা যুগে যুগে তোমার।]
আমেন।
Amen.



Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gifts from God assembly - Friday afternoons

We are changing our Friday afternoon assemblies slightly. They are now rebranded 'Gifts from God' assembly as we are celebrating those gifts and talents which God gives with abundance. These assemblies will now take place fortnightly to make room in the timetable for our 'Songs of Praise' hymn practice every other week (parents don't attend the hymn practice).

The dates of Gifts from God assemblies for this half term are as follows and parents are still invited to attend should they wish:

Friday 20th September at 2.45pm

Friday 4th October at 2.45pm

Friday 18th October at 2.45pm

As per last year, you will receive a parentmail the day before the assembly if your child is having a certificate or award given by school. Should your child wish to have something from outside of school presented, please drop these into the school office no later than the day before the assembly. Please be judicious with these external

awards and ensure that the certificate/medal/trophy is something that your child really wants to have presented in assembly and that they can talk about what it is and how they earned it. Thank you.

Phonics Information Evening - Monday 16th September at 5.45pm

Parents & carers of EYFS pupils are invited to attend an informative evening where they will learn more about how phonics is taught in school and how best to support their child at home. Please try to attend as we know that pupils who achieve well in reading are those who receive quality first teaching as well as regular practice at home.

INSET days - Friday 25th October & Monday 4th November

Both of the above dates have been designated as INSET days and therefore the school will be closed to pupils on both of these dates. Please note that these dates are either side of the October half term holiday. A more comprehensive list of dates can be found at the bottom of this document.

Parents' Evenings

A date for your diary! Autumn Term parents' evenings will be on **Tuesday 22/10 and Wednesday 23/10**. Details on how to get an appointment will be sent out in due course. Please keep one of these afternoons/early evenings free as these will be the only dates offered. Thank you.

Bishop Walsh Open Evening

On Wednesday 18th September at 5pm Bishop Walsh Catholic School invites you to attend their open evening. This is particularly for parents & pupils in the current Year 6 but anyone is welcome to attend.

Young Voices concert

A letter has been sent out this week to invite pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in the Young Voices choir concert on Friday 31st January 2025 at Resorts World, Birmingham. There are 30 places available and it really is a wonderful experience. Please see Parent Mail for more details.

Theatre trips 2024

We have organised a theatre trip for all pupils to share the Christmas festivities and as a reward for working hard all term.

EYFS and KS1 will be attending the Midland Art Centre (MAC) on Wednesday 11th December to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa.

KS2 will be attending the Lichfield Garrick on Thursday 12th December to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Please see Parent Mail for further information.

PFA News

New year, same brilliant PFA raising much needed funds for our school. Please find below details of some events coming up:

Captain Nick's Crew Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, 14th September 2024, 14:00 - 16:00 at Boldmere Gate

This fun activity is open to all male carers and dads, along with the children.

PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday, 3rd October 2024, 18:00 in the School Hall

All parents and carers are welcome.

New School Year Disco

Friday, 11th October 2024, 17:30 - 19:30 in the School Hall

Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Dates for the diary

Monday 16th September	Phonics Information Evening for EYFS parents at 5.45pm in the school hall
Wednesday 18th September	Bishop Walsh open evening at 5pm
Friday 20th September	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 24th September	9am-10.30am Year 6 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
W/c 30th September	Balance Bike training - EYFS
Tuesday 1st October	9am-10.30am Year 1 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 4th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 4th October	Gifts from God assembly at 2.45pm
Tuesday 8th October	9am-10.30am Year 4 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 11th October	PFA New Starters' Disco at 5.30pm
W/c 14th October	Scholastic Book Fair every day after school
Tuesday 15th October	9am-10.30am Year 5 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd October	Photographs: Individuals, families & siblings More details TBC
Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25th October	School closed to pupils - INSET day
W/c 28th October - HALF TERM - school closed	
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - INSET day
Tuesday 5th November	Pupils return for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 5th November	9am-10.30am EYFS parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall & classroom
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only

God bless,

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