



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God who speaks

12th - 19th March is Dementia Prayer Week when we are asked to pray for everyone living with dementia and those who care for them. Please take some time to pray the prayer below as a family and think about the vulnerability of those suffering from this awful condition.

Loving God, Healer and Comforter, we pray for those who suffer from the anxiety, ambiguity and confusion of dementia, and in a special way for their caregivers.

Give them patience as they work through familiar daily scripts and questions asked, answered and asked again.

Give them long memories to recall the fullness of their loved one's life beyond these moments of forgetting.

Give them the grace to let go of what was and embrace what is in love.

When the pain of being forgotten and the grinding trials become too much, comfort them with the promise of your Resurrection where every tear shall be wiped away and we shall know each other once more.

God of all mercies, sustain those who care for others. Grant them what they need for the moments ahead. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Amen.

Wednesday Word - follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&v=54.12>

Pupil Questionnaire

Your child has been given a paper copy of the attached questionnaire to complete at home **with you** this weekend. Please take 5 minutes to go through this questionnaire with your child, it is important that we understand how the children of St. Nicholas feel about their school so all feedback will be gratefully received. I would like all responses completed and returned on **Monday 14th March** please. There will be a post box in each class for the children to post their paper responses so that they can be confidential if they wish. All children who respond and return their form on Monday will receive a Merit Mark.

Gospel Virtues

The following children have received an 'Intentional and Prophetic' wristband this week as they have been seen living out our focus Gospel Virtues: Max (Y3), Clara (Y3), Bianca (Y3), Aoife (Y3), Elspeth (Rec), Robyn (Y1), Emily (Y1), Martha (Y3), Adam K (Y5), Owen (Y5), Jake (Y5), Ava (Y2), Greta (Y2), Orla, Rosie, Beau & Izabella (Y2), Oliver P, Fintan & Tom L (Y6), Cillian, Isabella, Rufus & Malachy (Rec).

Year 3

Please hold Year 3 in your prayers as they begin to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pupils will be receiving the sacrament in small groups throughout Lent and we pray that this is a wonderful experience for them. Thank you to Miss Smith & Mrs Shephard for preparing the pupils academically and spiritually.

Admissions

Please find attached to this email a letter from Maria Stirrup (Chair of Board of Directors of SJP2 MAC) regarding the outcome of the consultation exercise for Bishop Walsh, Holy Cross and St Joseph's. The policies have now been finalised and can be seen on the relevant websites for each school.

PFA Mothers' Day Tea

The PFA are celebrating Mothers Day with our hugely popular

🌸 Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 🌸 on Thursday 24th March from 3.45-5pm, tickets are on sale now at:

www.PTA-events.co.uk/stnickspfa

It's an afternoon to celebrate YOU with spaces limited to Mums, Grandmothers & special caregivers. School children will be taken off while you enjoy bottomless tea & coffee, an array of cakes and a raffle with fabulous prizes.

It's wonderful that we can now finally do this event together ❤️

Tickets are £5 for adults & £2 for pre-school children.

Raffle

Skye and Emily in Y4 will be holding a raffle during every morning break next week (w/c 14/3). It is 50p per ticket, all proceeds go to the Red Cross effort in Ukraine and the prizes are very yummy Easter eggs!

British Science Week 2022 11-20 March

British science week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. It aims to celebrate the diverse people and careers in science and engineering in order to smash stereotypes that surround these subjects. This year's subject is 'Growth', in school we will be doing an activity around this subject area. We will also be launching the poster competition for the children to complete at home. Their poster could explore a tadpole's journey into a fully grown adult frog, different types of seed dispersal, or look at the ways population growth is affecting the planet. Check out the winners from last year

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/winners-of-the-2021-poster-competition-announced/>

All entries need to be handed into class teachers by Monday the 4th of April.

As we want to encourage a love of science throughout the year please find a small book of experiments that can be carried out at home using household items. They are great for a rainy day and the secret writing experiment is an excellent way to encourage spelling practice.

Year 6 Virtual SATs information session

All Year 6 parents and carers are invited to an online session to discuss how best to help your children at home and some of the logistical arrangements for SATs week. Please find the link below:

Topic: SATs Information Evening

Time: Mar 14, 2022 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96204679237?pwd=Wm1wbEw3alRKck1uaFl1K0lKM2xUdz09>

Meeting ID: 962 0467 9237

Passcode: sZr2Pv

Phonics Home Links

Please click the link below for a recap of information on the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme we follow at St Nicholas.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeah6YbQd6q5klckqu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111633488629756352211&rtpof=true&sd=true>

RED- "t" "i" "n" "p"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hG7CR4IL/5qalmfym>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VEnzeDsl/ZbRBaw4K>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BnWek9aR/UTwTKPSz>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/cVIH8vwd/jrZFLaWQ>

Green "oy" and "ay"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jhKrcapI/Hy03M4SG>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/E9UGiD4P/Z0K6atqU>

Pink- "ar"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5A8v3YcY/UaLHPn2j>

Yellow- "o-e" and "u-e"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FxNEE8XI/hVj9a1TH>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MdP0X26A/S65ljLPf>

Blue- "ea" and "ee"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/csGxhf52/b3cXrMiu>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qQiSPenR/SMGcwXQc>

Grey- "are" and "ur"

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/aakAqIzX/BRkSmclm>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/of3l6MY2/vwdvyphY>

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby
Acting Vice Principal