



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

15th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God who Speaks

Today we celebrated a beautiful 'Going Forth' Mass with Year 3. Father Allen talked to us about the fact that 'Eucharist' is a verb and not a noun; it should be something which is alive in our lives. Will you be at a Mass as a family this weekend? Will the Eucharist be alive in your family?

'And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."' Matthew 26.

Wednesday Word - follow this link to enjoy the Gospel as a family...

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/6-summer-holiday-special-07?pid=MTA101634&v=1.1>

Gospel Virtues - who has a wristband this week?

The following pupils have received a wristband this week for living out our focus Gospel Virtues of 'Attentive' and 'Discerning': Chiara (Rec), Jacob (Y5) & Adaire (Y5).

Whole School Mass

There will be an end of term whole school Mass in church at 10am on Thursday 21st July. Please do try to join us for this to give thanks to Lord for all the blessings bestowed upon us during this academic year.

Alton Castle residential - Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an action-packed residential trip to Alton Castle from Monday to Wednesday this week. Both school staff and Alton Castle staff commented on how brilliantly behaved Year 5 were and how they gave their all to the activities including the celebration of Mass. What a wonderful way to start their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Huge thanks to Mrs Hannon-Dalby, Miss Smith, Miss Guest & Mrs Griffiths for taking them. Residential trips can't happen unless we have staff members who are willing to accompany the groups.

Blackwell Residential - Year 6

From Monday-Wednesday of this week we send Year 6 to Blackwell Adventure for their final primary school residential. Parents of Year 6 pupils will have had a separate communication this week regarding arrangements for Monday morning and measures being put in place to ensure that pupils remain safe in the hot weather.

Extreme Weather

As mentioned above, we are forecast some very hot weather for Monday and Tuesday of next week. It is imperative that each child has a water bottle, a sun hat and SPF. Mr Porter and Mrs Noble-Barton will be evaluating the situation and will put in place the measures necessary to ensure that all pupils & staff remain safe.

School Books

Please send your child to school with two or three strong carrier bags on Wednesday (20th) so that they can bring home their school books and work from this academic year. For monitoring and evaluation purposes it is necessary for us to keep hold of a sample of books each year. If this is the case for your child you will be contacted separately via Parentmail.

School Reading Books

Please return all school reading books (including phonics books) by Wednesday (20th). **We are a small school on a tight budget and we cannot afford to replace lost books** so please do make every effort to return whatever you have at home.

Reading over the Summer Holiday

You know the vital importance we place on reading at St Nicholas. It is very important that your child/ren continue to read over the summer break. In next week's newsletter we will be including a summary of the topics which will be covered in each year group in the Autumn term. This means that when visiting the library or bookshop you can purchase/borrow books which will support your child's learning in the Autumn term.

Parents WhatsApp Groups

It seems to have become common practice for each cohort to set up a group on WhatsApp to share information. This is a great idea as it builds 'mini communities' amongst our St Nicholas community. We can appreciate that, with the stresses and strains of modern life, having a supportive group to help with reminders must be helpful. **However**, it has come to our attention on more than one occasion recently that the personal and professional traits of members of St Nicholas school staff have been discussed in derogatory, insulting and inappropriate language in some of these groups.

If **any** parent of this school has an issue or query regarding their child's education or wellbeing they should speak to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team either in person or on the telephone. Open and honest communication is far more beneficial for our school and ultimately our pupils than whispers, rumours and gossip.

Thank you to the majority of parents who understand and appreciate that school staff are doing their job and want the best for every child in their care.

Many thanks, Mr Porter & Mrs Noble-Barton

Centrestage

The independent speech and drama school Centrestage still have places available for September in Years 1 - 5. Please see attached letter for more information and how to sign up.

Home Phonics Link

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/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeh6YbQd6q5klckqu/edit>

Green - 'air' 'ir'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5hhKzj5/WAgZtH3G>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zrk7zOS3/mJ8qC74D>

Orange: a-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZjGn8cwc/PY6B8Cql>

Blue: 'ar'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XzTWpEVa/3HnQDFLm>

Red: 'qu' 'th'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/w2IaOPQv/iKd0on2f>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/N42UR3Nk/tzcD04gF>

Purple: ay, oy and ou

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/AmtIIa3t/gqxbCwuW>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CNu9QYdT/rDeFN5a7>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/a3nxPZEO/VIc9gs0W>

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Tues 6th Sept Pupils' first day back (Years 1-6) for academic year 2022-23

God bless,

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Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

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