



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

21st July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God who speaks

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'
Thessalonians 5.

Today, during Mass and our wonderful Leavers' Assembly, we gave thanks for the blessings and successes of this academic year and said a fond farewell to Year 6, Mrs Bansal, Ms Green, Miss Ampleford, Mrs Hannon-Dalby and Mrs Hickman. We place our trust in the Holy Spirit that it will guide and guard Year 6 as they step out into the world.

School communities are places where friendships are made and tested, where connections between people sustain them through good times and bad. Wishing everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable summer. Thank you for your support this year and for the many kind words and gifts you have given to staff at the end of term.

We say goodbye to many families this year. The following families have their youngest or only child leaving:

The Barnett family, The Dawes family, The Doherty family, The Doogan family, The Fitzpatrick family, The Hicks family, The Lahert-Hockey family, The Lloyd family, The McAuley family, The Mooney family, The O'Neill family, The Rocchietti family, The Seager family, The Singh family, The Swinbourne family, The White family and The Wilson family. Thank you all for being a part of the St Nicholas family.

Safeguarding

Remember that our dedicated safeguarding email address, dsl@stnicholassutton.org.uk will be monitored throughout the 6 week break and can be used to make DSLs aware of any non-urgent safeguarding concerns. Anything urgent (where a child is at immediate risk of harm) should be referred to CASS (Children's Advice and Support Centre) on 0121 303 1888 or the Police.

Thank you from Mrs Hannon-Dalby

I have written various letters home to parents but this is without doubt the most difficult. It is with great sadness that I will not be returning in September. It has been my very great privilege to serve as a Teacher, SENCo and Vice Principal of St Nicholas School. Your children have taught me nearly as much as I have taught them, and I have had an amazing time getting to know each of them. St Nicholas has children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and live out the Gospel virtues every single day. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in life.

To all of the St Nicholas parents I cannot thank you enough for your continued support over the years. You have always voiced your opinions, shared your concerns and worries and I hope that you have found that I have taken the time to listen. I will never say I get everything right all the time but I do strive to do my very best.

Although I am sad to be leaving I am excited about the future and my next chapter at St Margaret Mary. I wish everyone at St Nicholas all the very best!

Term dates and INSET days academic year 2022-23

Information about term dates for next academic year can be found here: <https://www.stnicholassutton.org.uk/dates-for-your-diary>

There will be **six** INSET days allocated for the academic year 2022-23. Three have been allocated already and can be found below. As soon as we have allocated the others, we will communicate this to you::

Monday 5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Monday 21st November 2022

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Please see the bottom of this newsletter for an extensive diary list for next academic year including Autumn Term Parents' Evenings and some PFA events.

Cycle for Sepsis

One of our Y3 pupils will be taking part in this challenge in September. She would be appreciative of your support so if you are able to sponsor her please follow this link:

https://cycle4.sepsistrust.org/?fbclid=IwAR2v0MfUJR19jx4wxY5sBHjWuTgCmbDO_lbinMI2vKJqr84Ou7GDZa2byg

Bring it on Brum! Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Bring it on Brum! is a programme for families in Birmingham to help children, young people and their parents have fulfilling, active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays. Part of the new Holiday Activities and Food programmes, Bring it on Brum! is the biggest scheme of its kind in the country. Please follow the links for more information.

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

Bring it on Brum! SEND Provision

Bring it on Brum have a number of providers that offer holiday clubs for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Some organisations offer exclusive provision; just for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and some offer inclusive provision where children with and without special education needs and/or disabilities take part together. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/send-provision/>

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th September	INSET Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 6th September	First day of Autumn Term for Years 1-6
6th-13th September	Reception class home visits
Tuesday 13th September	Sepsis Awareness Day - non uniform day - wear red/orange
Thursday 15th September	Y6 trip to Birmingham Library
14th-16th September	Reception class in school part time
Monday 19th September	Reception class in full time
Friday 23rd September	Class photographs
26th-28th September	Y6 Bikeability course
Friday 30th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 14th October	PFA New Starters' Disco - 6pm to 8pm (Parents stay)
Wednesday 19th October	Parents' Evening 3.45pm - 6.15pm
Thursday 20th October	Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Friday 21st October	INSET Day school closed to pupils
W/c 24th October	HALF TERM

Further PFA Events

Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Disco 3.30pm-5pm (Children only)
W/c 16/1 and W/c 23/1	Penny Drive
Tuesday 14th February	Valentines' Disco 3.30pm - 5pm (Children only)
Thursday 16th March	Mothers' Day Tea

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby
Acting Vice Principal