



*Love, live and learn with
Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 29th September 2023

Gospel Virtues

Pupils continue to strive to be more **GENEROUS** and **GRATEFUL** this half term as they are led by Gospel values & virtues. Teachers are looking out for pupils who live out these virtues and, when they see them in action, they send that person to Mrs Noble-Barton for a wristband. Well done to Monty (Y6), Aoife (Y5), Niamh (Y5), Sophia (Y5) & Joe (Y5).

Wednesday Word

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

[Change - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://www.paperturn-view.com)

CAFOD Live Simply

You may have noticed the new addition to our letter head (above). This is a copy of the certificate we have been sent to confirm that our CAFOD Live Simply Award action plan has been approved and registered by CAFOD. St Nicholas is now officially working towards the award!

The first of our nine actions will be happening soon:

- Pupils will be writing pledges which will be displayed on our hall boards. Staff & governors will also be writing pledges which will be displayed on the board in our office area. All pledges are based around living **SIMPLY**, living **SUSTAINABLY** and living in **SOLIDARITY**.
- We will be supporting CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 6/10/23 - see the note below.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning earlier today either by attending or donating. We also extend our thanks to our PFA volunteers who helped to run the coffee morning and organised a raffle to raise extra funds. The current total raised stands at **£574.01**. Some pupils didn't bring in their £1 today, this can be given in on Monday morning.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

As part of our Live Simply Award, we will be taking part in CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 6th October. This involves the following:

- A silver coin collection. We are asking **all pupils** to look in their money boxes and down the back of the sofa to collect some silver coins (5ps, 10ps, 20ps & 50ps) to donate to CAFOD's appeal. Our aim is to raise at least £125 which will pay to get a mobile clinic to a community in a developing country which doesn't have a hospital nearby.
- Years 5 & 6 are invited to forgo their usual lunch and replace it with soup & a roll for which they will donate £2. A parentmail form has gone to Years 5 & 6 about this.

Harvest Collection

On Friday 6th October at 9.15am the whole school will gather in church for our Harvest Mass. This marks the beginning of this year's Harvest collection which will go to the wonderful Bethany Food Bank based in Erdington. More details will be sent out via Parentmail this week.

Young Voices

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up your child to take part in our Young Voices choir. The concert will be held on Friday 23rd February at Resorts World Arena. If you haven't yet purchased tickets or a t-shirt, please do so by the end of the day on **Monday 2nd October**. This is essential in order to reserve the tickets at

the venue and ensure that there is no last minute rush! Choir practice will take place each Wednesday beginning on **WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**. Apologies that the previous date said October. Thank you.

Raffle

Rory and Aoife in Y5 will be running a raffle on Tuesday 3rd October to raise money for someone they know through their theatre group who has been seriously ill. They will be raffling off two brand new 'Squishmallows' and will draw the raffle during assembly on Friday 6/10. Tickets are £1 each. Please send your child to school with £1 if they wish to purchase a ticket.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 25.9.23
Reception	99.17%
Year 1	97.41%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	97.92%
Year 4	99.17%
Year 5	97.41%
Year 6	95.83%
Well done to the winners this week...Reception & Year 4 who can negotiate some extra play time or IPAD time with their teachers.	
Let's aim to get some 100% classes next week.	

Sepsis Awareness Fundraiser

'Well done' to Aoife, Molly, Cora, Niamh & Martha from Y5 who raised an excellent £135.33 by running a cake sale at breaktime last Tuesday. This money is going to the Sepsis UK Trust, a cause close to their hearts. The charity have recently updated some of their awareness materials which can be accessed here <https://sepsistrust.org/awareness-month-assets-2023/>. Please spread the word to raise awareness about Sepsis in your community.

Do you know anyone with a child starting school in September 2024?

We will be holding four sessions for prospective parents which will feature a short presentation about the school followed by a tour of the school. This is an opportunity to see the school 'in action' and answer any questions you may have about the admissions process. The dates are listed below, please contact the school office on 0121 355 2649 or enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk to book a place.

Monday 13/11 at 9.15am

Tuesday 14/11 at 1.30pm

Wednesday 15/11 at 11am

Thursday 16/11 at 2.30pm

PFA News

ARE YOU READY TO SHOW US YOUR MOVES?

Our wonderful PFA are inviting you to our annual 'Newcomers Disco' on **Friday 13th October 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Your child has a leaflet for the event in their school bag. To ensure that all of our newcomers have the opportunity to attend, tickets for Reception parents have been released today, Friday 29th September, and tickets for the rest of the school will be available on Monday 2nd October. Tickets are priced

at £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children. For health and safety reasons, only children currently attending St Nicholas school can attend (no younger/older siblings). All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a range of activities and snacks available for children and a fully stocked bar for those 18+. This is a great opportunity to get to know the St Nicholas community and we look forward to seeing you there.

Word of the month

exquisite

Definition: extremely beautiful and delicate

Slowly opening the imposing, wooden door, a grand hallway could be seen with exquisite, shimmering chandeliers dangling from the hand-crafted ceiling.

Synonyms:

Excellent, wonderful, well-crafted, beautiful, precious, magnificent.



Antonyms:

Drab, ugly, cheap, flawed, imperfect.

Amazon wish list

'A book is a gift you can open again and again' - Garrison Keillor

Many thanks to everybody who has contributed to our growing classroom library at St Nicholas - it is greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a book for school for your child and their friends to enjoy, the wish lists below have been updated. Thank you.

Reception

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

Phonics home links

All reception children: See separate document sent out via parent mail.

Miss Guest's purple group: [oo \(zoo\)](#) [oo \(look\)](#)

Mrs Burling-Finn and Miss Beamond's purple group: [oo \(zoo\)](#)

Mrs Maguire's pink group: [oo](#) [ar](#)

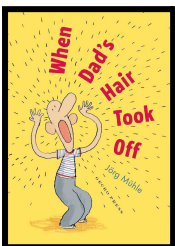
Mrs Shephard's orange group: [er](#) [ur](#) [ow](#)

Mrs Vale and Mrs Trappett's yellow group: [ow](#) [ai](#) [oa](#) [ew](#) [ire](#)

Staff book recommendations

For KS1, Mr Porter recommends...

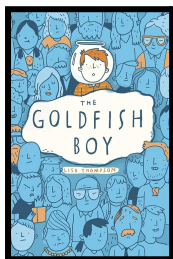
When Dad's hair took off by Jorg Muhle



One day, Dad's hair decided it was tired of being brushed and combed. It wanted a life of its own, to see the world. It took off. Out of the bathroom, into the kitchen, and before you could say, "Hairsta la vista, baby!" it was gone. Dad gave chase around the town. He spots his hair hiding in the lawn, on the road, at the zoo — it's amazing how many things look like hair. He gives up. Dad tries to accept life without hair. Then the postcards arrive. The hair is on a round-the-world trip and Dad is still bald. Until one day the unbelievable happens and the hair comes back.

[Click to purchase](#)

For KS2, Mrs Shephard recommends...



The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.

[Click to purchase](#)

Dates for the diary

6/10/23	Whole school Harvest Mass in church at 9.15am
6/10/23	CAFOD Family Fast Day
6/10/23	Nasal flu vaccines for those who have consented
24/10/23	Families, individual and sibling photos being taken - AM
24/10/23	Parents' Evening 3.45pm - 6.15pm
25/10/23	Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
27/10/23	INSET day - school closed to pupils
HALF TERM W.B 30/10/23	
6/11/23	INSET day - school closed to pupils
23/11/23	Year 5 theatre trip
5/12/23	KS1 theatre trip
23/2/24	Young Voices concert

PFA events

13/10/23	New Starters' Disco 5.30pm-7.30pm
26/10/23	Cake Sale straight after school
25/11/23	Christmas Fair from 2pm-4pm
20/12/23	Christmas Disco from 3.30pm-5pm
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr Porter

Mrs Noble-Barton

Miss Smith

Executive Principal

Head of School

Assistant Head