

17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

<u>God who speaks</u>

As we approach the fourth Sunday of Advent, we pray for the peace of the Lord to come into the world. May peace reign in your homes this Christmas.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

<u>Wednesday Word</u>

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Wednesday Word as a family: https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=47.2

<u>Goodbye Mrs Jenns</u>

This week we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Jenns after six years at St Nicholas Catholic School. We wish Mrs Jenns the very best of luck in the future.

Year 5 parents will have received an email this week about the appointment of Mrs Bansal to take over in Year 5. From January Mrs Griffiths will teach the class Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Bansal on Thursday & Friday.

Wedding Bells!

We wish Miss Ramsden the most wonderful of wedding celebrations as she and her fiance receive the Sacrament of Marriage next week! It has been a long road to get here due to COVID postponements. Miss Ramsden and Mr Hannon-Dalby have shown patience, faith and steadfastness in their love for one another. They are in our prayers as they begin their married life together.

"Love each other with genuine affection, take delight in honouring each other." Romans 12:10

We look forward to welcoming the new Mrs Hannon-Dalby in January!

<u>Thank you</u>

Cards and gifts for school staff are never expected. We know that this time of year is expensive enough and that many people have faced difficult financial times recently. So the cards and gifts received by school staff at the end of this term mean more than ever. Thank you.

Resource for parents to prevent online sexual harassment of children

Birmingham City Council's safeguarding department has launched an online guide for parents on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography. The guide is called "The things I wish my parents had known" and consists of advice from 16-21 year olds about how they wish their parents had tackled tricky conversations when they were younger.

The link is here: <u>https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/</u>

<u>Lexia</u>

A reminder that children who access Lexia can do so from home. It is a fantastic way for children to maintain their learning independently over the Christmas break. Please see attached information on how to access it at home.

Reading Newsletter

Please find attached the first of our new "Reading Newsletters" which are produced by some of our pupils at the end of each half term. This newsletter gives you an overview of what has been happening at school around readings and gives the children some excellent book recommendations.

Thank you to Miss Smith and her Reading Ambassadors for producing this.

Achievement Assembly - it was not possible to 'trim' the beginning of the video - assembly starts at 2 minutes and 50 seconds!

The link for this week's assembly (including a great tribute to Miss Ramsden's forthcoming nuptials!) can be found below:

Achievement Assembly 17.12.21

Please note that there will be no Achievement Assembly on Friday 7th January. The first assembly of the new term will be Friday 14th January.

God bless,

Mr Porter Executive Principal Mrs Noble-Barton Head of School

Miss Ramsden Acting Vice Principal



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