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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 9th February 2024

Lent

As a school we subscribe to some liturgy videos during key seasons such as LENT. These videos are made by Dan & Emily from One Life. As Lent begins during a school holiday, Dan and Emily have kindly made the first three videos available to watch from home. Please find the links below. These short videos are ideal to be watched by the whole family to pray together during the first few days of Lent. We hope you enjoy them.

<https://youtu.be/Lk1G9u3QowI> - To be watched on Ash Wednesday (14th Feb)

<https://youtu.be/UqSAil64eBI> - To be watched on Thursday 15th Feb

<https://youtu.be/IBMFXCES3Ps> - To be watched on Friday 16th Feb

Ash Wednesday Mass Times - Wednesday 14th February

Please try to take your child/children to Mass on Ash Wednesday so that children can receive their ashes and mark the beginning of their Lenten journey.

St Nicholas Catholic Church: Mass at 10am and 7pm OR:

On Ash Wednesday there is in church at 12noon a short Liturgy of the Word for children under the age of 7 to mark the beginning of Lent. All parents/carers with younger children are welcome.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church: Mass at 10am and 7pm.

Erdington Abbey Catholic Church: Mass at 10am and 12 noon and 7.30pm.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the Lord's prayer in different languages...this week is French!

Our Father in French

*Notre Père, qui est aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation
mais délivre-nous du Mal.
Amen."*



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, pupils in all classes completed activities and held conversations to mark Children's Mental Health Week & Year 4 had a workshop delivered by 'Cherished'.

Please see our Twitter feed for lots of photos from this week. Attached to this email are some 'top tips' for parents and children as we strive to maintain positive mental health.

Payment for trips

Please don't be offended if you receive an email from us chasing payment for a school trip. As a small school with a very tight budget, we can only afford to hold events such as trips with your help. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding we may be able to help with costs. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please speak to Mr Porter or Mrs Noble-Barton. If we don't hear from you, we'll assume you can pay. Thanks in advance.

Term dates - a reminder that our Easter dates differ from the Local Authority

Half term - school closed - w/c 12th February 2024. ALL pupils return on Monday 19th February.

Easter Holidays - last day of Spring term is Thursday 28th March. School closed on Friday 29th March (Good Friday) and w/c 1st April and w/c 8th April.

INSET Day - school closed to pupils on Monday 15th April. ALL pupils return on Tuesday 16th April.

Half term - school closed - w/c 27th May.

INSET Day (whole MAC) - school closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July.

End of academic year - last day of summer term - Friday 19th July.

Academic year 2024/25: September INSET days - Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September. Years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 4th September.

This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 5.2.24
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	94.3% BELOW 95%

This week's winners are Year 2! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Burling-Finn and Miss Smith after half term.

Lighthouse Preschool

Places are still available for pre school children. If you are interested, please contact Carole Baird on 07590411118.

PFA News

Our PFA Chair, Mrs Sarah Hale, is undertaking a 100km charity trek in June to raise money for a cancer charity. What an incredibly brave thing to agree to! If you would like to support Mrs Hale in her fundraising you can visit her Just Giving page here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-hale-1705005853499?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsarah-hale-1705005853499&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Young Voices

Your Young Voices tickets have been sent via Parent Mail.

If your child is part of the Young Voices choir, please use this link to access the music room. Here, you will find backing tracks, lyric videos and the song sheets.

[Young Voices music room](#)

Our Young Voices choir will be performing in the school hall on Monday 4th March at 3:45pm. This will be a short ensemble for those who were unable to attend the concert at Resorts World. Please see Parent Mail for further details.

The Young Voices concert will be taking place on Friday 23rd February 2024. We will be leaving school at 12:30pm. Your child can therefore have their lunch in school as normal. They will need to bring a snack, a drink and something to eat at tea time. Pupils will not be allowed to purchase anything from the venue and we won't have any access to facilities to warm anything up.

The concert will begin at 7pm. Doors for parents open at 5pm for the venue and 6pm for the arena. Please see the additional information sent out via Parent Mail. **All children will be returning to school to be collected.** In previous years, there has been lots of congestion when leaving the venue. If it is at all possible, we would be grateful if you could arrange for another adult to pick your child up from school when we arrive back at approx. 9:30pm.

Years 5 & 6 Campfire stories - Thursday 29th February 2024

On Thursday 29th February, pupils in Years 5 & 6 are invited back into school at 4:45pm to share stories and toast marshmallows around the campfire. Pupils may wear pyjamas and bring a blanket but, as we are outside, these will need to be warm. Students can bring their favourite text to read and share with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

Years 3 & 4 Bedtime stories - Tuesday 12th March 2024

On Tuesday 12th March, pupils in Years 3 & 4 are invited back into school at 5pm to read stories in the hall. They can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book, a teddy and a blanket. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of

activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

Dates for the diary

23/2/24	Young Voices concert
24/2/24	EYFS & Year 6 Height/Weight checks by school nurse
29/2/24	Campfire stories - Yrs 5 & 6
4/3/24	Young Voices additional concert for other relatives
7/3/24	World Book Day
12/3/24	Bedtime stories - Yrs 3 & 4
19/3/24 and 20/3/24	KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - tickets only
26th & 27th March	Parents' Evenings
15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children

PFA events

5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm
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God bless,

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