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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 24th May 2024

### **End of Summer 1**

Today we come to the end of the first half of the summer term as the school closes for half term. Wishing every member of the St Nicholas community a happy & restful half term. We look forward to welcoming back **every child** on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 8.50am.

### **Staffing**

Today we said 'goodbye' to Mrs Matthews from our school office & Mrs Dunn who works on our KS1 playground. We wish them both the very best of health & happiness as they move on.

We also said 'see you soon' to Mrs Bowen as she begins her maternity leave. Please keep Mr & Mrs Bowen in your prayers as they will welcome their new arrival in the next couple of weeks. We will keep you posted on whether any of Reception class' predictions on gender, weight & name were correct!

### **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 in Greek:***

### **Lord's prayer in Greek**

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·

ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου· γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς·

τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·

καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·

καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

[ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. ἀμήν.]



### **Wednesday Word**

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### **Gospel Virtues**

The following pupils have received an ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL wristband this week: Isla, Leo, Nancy & Frankie Y3, Nadine Y1.

### **Punctuality**

We have noticed an increase in the numbers of pupils regularly arriving late to school. Whilst we understand that occasional lateness happens, we are seeing some pupils who regularly arrive after the 9am bell.

**Your child will be marked as 'late' on the register if they arrive after 9am.** Being late is really difficult for the child. Their class is settled, learning has started and they have to settle into class and quickly catch up. This adds increased pressure for everyone.

If anyone is struggling with punctuality and wants to discuss this with school, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Noble-Barton so that we can work together. Many thanks.

### **Message for parents of current Year 5 - secondary school admissions**

Parents of pupils in the current Year 5 should be starting to think about their choices for secondary school admissions. The application period to Birmingham City Council Admissions will open at the beginning of September and close at the end of October. Secondary schools will hold their open days/evenings early in the Autumn Term; it is really important that you and your child look around any schools that you may be interested in. It is also important that you consider your home address and whether or not you have any faith claim when deciding on your choices. It is important to make realistic applications.

If you are interested in applying for your child to sit a grammar school entrance test, you will need to register on this website: [www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

The closing date for registration for grammar schools is 4pm on 28th June. The entrance test will take place on 14th September.

### **Sports' Day**

The confirmed date is Friday 12th July with a backup of Monday 15th July in case of bad weather on 12/7. Mrs Noble-Barton sent details via Parentmail earlier this week.

### **PFA next meeting**

Matteo Belardi (PFA Chair) would like to invite you to attend the next PFA meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 6pm in the school hall.

### **TT rockstars day for Y4 - Monday 3rd June 2024**

In order to prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check, Year 4 pupils are invited to dress up at their favourite rock star on Monday 3rd June. They will spend the day playing TT rockstars and times tables games before sitting the test later on in the week.

### **School Fund**



This year to date, our school fund has been used to pay for Beatrix Potter dance workshops, Read Write Inc. refresher training and prayer and liturgy resources for pupils to use during their child-led liturgies.

We can't do it without you and we hugely appreciate all school fund donations! Thank you!

School fund payments can be made via Parent Mail.

There is also now an option to 'gift a school fund' if you are able to do so!

Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for supporting us with this!

### **Advance notice for Summer Fayre - Young Voices choir**

The Young Voices choir have been invited to perform at this year's Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th July. - it would be amazing if as many as possible of our talented vocalists could make it! A parent mail will be sent out closer to the time for consent.

### This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 20.5.24
Reception	93.67%
Year 1	93.67%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	98.33%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	88%      BELOW 90%

Well done to this week's winners...Year 3! You can negotiate a reward with Mrs Rehman after half term.

### Dates for the diary

w/c 27/5	Half Term - school closed to children
3/6	Year 4 TT Rock stars day!
w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
5/6/24	Year 6 Leavers' official photos
6/6/24	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
14/6/24	Year 3 'Going Forth' Mass & celebrations - 9.15am Mass
17/6/24	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
12/7/24	Sports' Day at Braemar Fields
19/7	2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
19/7	3.30pm End of the Academic Year 2023/24 break up for summer

### Next academic year

\*\*Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September will be INSET days and school will be closed to pupils. We will welcome Years 1-6 back to school for the academic year 2024/25 on Wednesday 4th September at 8.50am. Arrangements for the new EYFS class will be communicated separately.\*\*

### PFA events

Next PFA Meeting is 11th June at 6pm in school

\*\*DATE SET\*\* Summer Fayre - Saturday 13th July - 12pm to 3pm

# What is on offer in our local community?



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Landscaper & Fencing Contractor  
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**Caitlin Horsley**  
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Phone: 07468430057

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Locations:  
North & Central Birmingham & Solihull  
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If you are interested in advertising on our school newsletter, please get in touch with our school office via [enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk).

God bless,

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