



St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Gospel Virtues

This half term, pupils are growing to be **Eloquent** and **Truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people and the world.

Mrs Noble-Barton looks forward to many pupils visiting her office this half term for an 'Eloquent and Truthful' wristband. Staff will be looking and listening out for pupils living out these virtues.

Louis in EYFS started us off this week - well done Louis!

<u>Year of Prayer</u>

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: Norwegian!

<u>Our Father in Norwegian</u>

Vår Far i himmelen! La navnet ditt helliges. La riket ditt komme. La viljen din skje på jorden slik som i himmelen. Gi oss i dag vårt daglige brød, og tilgi oss vår skyld, slik også vi tilgir våre skyldnere. Og la oss ikke komme i fristelse, men frels oss fra det onde. For riket er ditt og makten og æren i evighet. Amen.

<u>Wednesday Word</u>

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family: <u>Click HERE for the Wednesday Word</u>

<u>Prayer bags</u>

Miss Godfrey has refreshed the Prayer Bag of each class with items pertinent to the Easter season and these will be sent out next week. Please try to take a photo of the bag being used and send it to enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk so that we can share it on Twitter. It is wonderful to document the prayer services happening at home. A plea...please look after the contents of the prayer bag and protect them from pets & toddlers! Our budget is tight so we can't afford to keep replacing the items. Thank you.

Achievement Assembly

There will be no assembly on Friday 26th April. Normal service will be resumed on Friday 3rd May.

Meetings with school staff

It is very important to the staff at St Nicholas that we are open, approachable and communicative with parents and carers. We are blessed to have parents who are willing and able to be a part of their child's education and we want to assist you in that. This commitment has to be balanced with classroom cover arrangements and protecting the workload of teachers so, before requesting a meeting with a member of staff, please consider: proximity to parents' evening (can the issue be discussed there?) and/or can you have a discussion via email or over the phone.

If you do have an appointment to come into school, please respect the valuable time of professionals by sticking to the agreed time and trying, where possible, not to cancel/change at the last minute. By way of example, the latest round of SEND Pupil Profile reviews was fraught with many last minute requests to change appointment time and provide copies of paperwork already provided. We will endeavour to continue to provide dates within adequate time for you to make arrangements to attend. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

PFA - VOTE FOR YOUR NEW CHAIR

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GPJD76

Attached to this email you will find a document containing a pitch from each of the candidates to take over from Mrs Sarah Hale as PFA Chairperson. Please take a few minutes to read the pitches and place your vote using the link above. We cannot overstate the importance of a flourishing PFA, not only to financially assist the good work of the school but also to provide those wonderful community events that the children enjoy so much. Thank you to those people who have put themselves forward. Get voting!

PFA Meeting - Tuesday 30th April at 6pm

There will be a PFA meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 6pm in the school hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Administering medication

If you would like us to administer medication to your child that <u>has not</u> been prescribed by a doctor e.g. Calpol or Piriton, please visit the school office to fill in the appropriate form.

<u>Y5 Alton Castle trip - Wednesday 24th-Friday 26th April</u>

Important information regarding Alton Castle arrangements was sent out earlier this week via Parent Mail. Please ensure that you have read this carefully. If you have any questions, please get in touch via the school office.

Please bring any medication that your child needs to take during the trip to Mrs Shephard, who will be in the school hall on Monday morning.

Huge thanks to Mrs Burling-Finn, Mrs Minchin, Mrs Shephard and Mrs Maguire for agreeing to give up their time to offer Y5 this valuable experience. Please pray for good weather!

This week's attendance

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

Year group	% attendance for w/c 15.4.24
Reception	89.58% BELOW 90%
Year 1	99.17%
Year 2	98.75%
Year 3	95.42%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	100% WINNERS
Year 6	95.83%
Well done to this week's winnersYear 5! You can negotiate your reward with Mrs Minchin.	

Dates for the diary	
24/4 to 26/4	Year 5 trip to Alton Castle
26/4/24	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
26/4/24	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass in church at 7pm
30/4/24	6pm PFA Meeting in the school hall
15/5 to 16/5	KS2 SATs Week
17/5	St Nicholas football team in National Football Final
w/c 20/5	Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley
w/c 27/5	Half Term - school closed to children
w/c 3/6 & 10/6	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered
5/6/24	Year 6 Leavers' official photos
w/c 10/6	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered
12/6 to 14/6	Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
19/7	2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly

<u>PFA events</u>

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

What is on offer in our local community?



God bless,

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