



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

God Who Speaks

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (Luke 5)

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus calling His first disciples. We know that these ordinary, working men saw something in Jesus which made them leave everything behind and follow Him. More than 2000 years later, it is now us who are called to be the Lord's Disciples. Living with Jesus at the centre of our lives is a challenging way to live and seems at odds with our secular society. Why not have a chat at home this weekend about acts of discipleship?

Wednesday Word - follow this link to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=51.7>

Chaplaincy Team week of prayer

Our Spring Term Chaplaincy Team has come up with many ideas of ways to strengthen the Catholicity of our school. One of these is a 'week of prayer' which will be taking place next week (w.b. 7/2/22) and the team have chosen the theme 'Discipleship'. There will be many activities taking place across the school. Please ask your child what they have done and check our Twitter feed for details.

Wristbands

The following pupils have been awarded a 'Curious and Active' wristband for demonstrating this half term's Gospel Virtues either in their attitude and/or work: Ethan (Rec), Natasha (Y5), Lewis T, Lewis M & Patrick (Y3) & Eva (Y6).

Sports' News - Sutton Schools' Gymnastics Tournament

Well done to the pupils from KS2 who represented the school in the Sutton Schools' gymnastics tournament at the GMAC centre in Perry Barr. The girls all tried their hardest and enjoyed every minute of competing in the world class facilities. Special mention should go to Mara and Emily who made it onto the podium. Well done team!

Special congratulations to Mara (Y5) who represented our school last Sunday at the Zonal Schools Trampoline competition. Mara placed 4th in her group and will go forward to the national final in Macclesfield on March 12th.

Note from Father Allen

Liturgy of the Word for children

Thank you to four young parents who are preparing to introduce *Liturgy of the Word for children* (children in Reception through to the end of Year 2) at the 9am Mass, beginning from 6th February. The group will be leading liturgies fortnightly. It will be possible to offer this service at other masses should additional volunteers come forward.

St Nicholas School Uniform - now available from Trutex

Please see the email sent yesterday about the new school uniform supplier, Trutex. This is now another option for buying items of St Nicholas uniform.

Early Help Webinar

Join the session to learn what the Early Help Offer is and how it could offer support to your family. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available and a quick self-referral process. The webinar is Wednesday 23rd February 10:00 - 11:00am please follow the link to book-

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-23rd-february-2022-1000am/>

Behaviour When Walking Home

We have had cause this week to speak to some of our older pupils about the appropriateness of their behaviour when walking home. If you entrust your child to walk all/part of the way, please remind them about behaving safely and respectfully. Any persistently poor behaviour will result in school requesting that these children are picked up rather than being trusted to walk.

Family First Magazine

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_9_digital100122

The above link will take you to a free magazine called 'Family First' which is full of advice and interesting articles for parents and guardians.

'Gaia' installation at Millennium Point - free to attend

We have been told about a free art installation currently on show at Millennium Point. This would interest any child or adult interested in the Earth, moon and planets. Details at <https://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/gaia/>

Aspire 'Active Camps'

Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this February half term.

And our families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: STNICHCFEB22

Aspire Active Camps is running 21st - 25th February at [Bishop Vesey Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield](#)

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/active-camps>

INSET Days for remaining for this academic year - school closed to pupils

There are two remaining INSET days this academic year, these are: **Monday 6th June & Friday 1st July.**

School Holidays - a reminder of term dates over the next two academic years - these are also on our school website

St. John Paul II Multi-Academy Agreed Term Dates 2021-2022

Spring 1

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

Spring 2

Monday 28th February 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022

Summer 1

Monday 25th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022

Summer 2

Monday 6th June 2022 - Thursday 21st July 2022

St. John Paul II Multi-Academy Agreed Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn 1

Monday 5th September 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022

Autumn 2

Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday 16th December 2022

Spring 1

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023

Spring 2

Monday 27th February 2023 - Thursday 6th April 2023

Summer 1

Monday 24th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023

Summer 2

Monday 5th June 2023 - Tuesday 25th July 2023

Phonics Home Links

Red- 'c' 'k' 'u'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OZbunNMy/f0wemaLW>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/V3d6vGWN/Nnp9E5UM>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1l1lluAw/muSRWzjb>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hMBjy5DD/4rGtItvV>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/O3NfQeso/IOglRheC>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bcAnNUOx/j29YbblY>

Green (REC)- 'ow'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IAH3L7e0/TFieCpKs>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gO5yZPyf/8KkbSXLN>

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<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gO5yZPyf/8KkbSXLN>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XoDtGoVN/TUcY7NiZ>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EqPIW1UE/ZTokZ8Yz>

Pink - 'ee' 'air'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RWYaCOo2/a0RdUwt5>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/elSt577K/MrKaLb4x>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/i8nnJtry/bzfR1AI7>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QxEFRPjd/nkjXq1Z7>

Yellow- 'oi'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ngEuXD3P/OpUCJCVe>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/irfFTwId/oYgFR696>

Blue- 'ir'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/V11KxLeF/1mDo8FgP>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qHZxHn8G/s3c4BRoC>

Grey- 'are' 'air'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mWj9nyie/l1xxQBSd>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/h7zpTpyj/CeAPKoxp>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VBVkTM8u/MkDFLF5C>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PxwyvMOW/ygmj5wrB>

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby
Acting Vice Principal

