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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 17th May 2024

### 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 Danish :*

### Lord's prayer in Danish

Vor Fader, du som er i himlene,  
helliget vorde dit navn.  
Komme dit rige;  
ske din vilje,  
som i himmelen, således også på jorden.  
Giv os i dag vort daglige brød,  
og forlad os vor skyld  
som også vi forlader vore skyldnere.  
Og led os ikke i fristelse,  
men fri os fra det onde.  
Amen.



### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### Year 3 'Going Forth' Mass

This has been provisionally booked for Friday 14th June. Once Mrs Noble-Barton has confirmed the photography she will confirm the details in a parentmail to Y3 parents.

### KS2 SATs - well done

Our Year 6 pupils conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion during a tough week of tests in English and Maths. Thank you to all members of staff who helped to invigilate, to Mrs Kinsella for making delicious toast every morning for Y6 and to Mrs May (one of our governors) who gave her time to oversee correct administration. Results will be sent out with pupils' end of year reports. Mr Reid continues to use work completed in class to inform his teacher assessments.

### Football warriors!

Our football team played in an exciting but gruelling national tournament on Friday. Held at Derby County's ground, the tournament ended with our boys in second place. They fought valiantly and were the better side in the final but there was a last minute goal in extra time from their opponents. This team has had an incredibly successful season and Coach Reid is very proud of them. They have shown resilience, determination and excellent team work. Thank you to Mr Reid, the parents of the boys & with a special thanks to Mr Badland who ended up acting as assistant coach! Well done boys.

### **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**

We are in final talks with Highclare School about the hiring of Braemar Fields for this year's Sports' Day. The confirmed date will be in next week's newsletter to enable you to make arrangements to attend.

### **\*\*Book amnesty for the Summer Fayre - Wednesday 22nd May\*\***

On **Wednesday 22nd May** our PFA will hold a book amnesty. They will be looking for good quality, used books.

If you have anything to donate please send it in with your child on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Any help you can give the PFA in this intense period of preparation for the Summer Fayre would be greatly appreciated. Remember to save the date of the Fayre in your diaries, **Saturday 13th July**.

### **PFA Fathers' Day Present Sale**

Mark your calendars...our PFA volunteers will be running a sale of Fathers' Day gifts for children to purchase for their Dads & Grandpas. This will take place on Tuesday 11th June during school time. Pupils will need to bring some loose change if they want to participate. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

### **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.

### **Phonics Screening Check**

Please see the parent mail sent out earlier this week from Miss Smith, which provides parents with a wealth of resources to support your child as they prepare to take the Phonics Screening Check during w/b 10th June 2024.

### **Clifton Road Flyer**

Please find attached a leaflet advertising some events for pupils at Clifton Road centre.

### **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.

## 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!

## This week's attendance

Year group	% attendance for w/c 13.5.24	
Reception	99%	
Year 1	92.33%	BELOW 95%
Year 2	99.33%	WINNERS!
Year 3	98.67%	
Year 4	98%	
Year 5	98%	
Year 6	96.33%	

Well done to this week's winners... Year 2! You can negotiate a reward with Miss Smith & Mrs Burling-Finn.

## Dates for the diary

w/c 20/5

w/c 27/5

3/6

w/c 3/6 & 10/6

5/6/24

6/6/24

w/c 10/6

12/6 to 14/6

17/6/24

4/7/24

19/7

19/7

Year 6 swimming every day @ Wyndley

Half Term - school closed to children

Year 4 TT Rock stars day!

Year 4 Multiplication Check administered

Year 6 Leavers' official photos

Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check administered

Year 6 trip to Blackwell Manor

Year 3 trip to Cadbury World

INSET Day - school closed to children

2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly

3.30pm End of the Academic Year 2023/24 break up for summer

### Next academic year

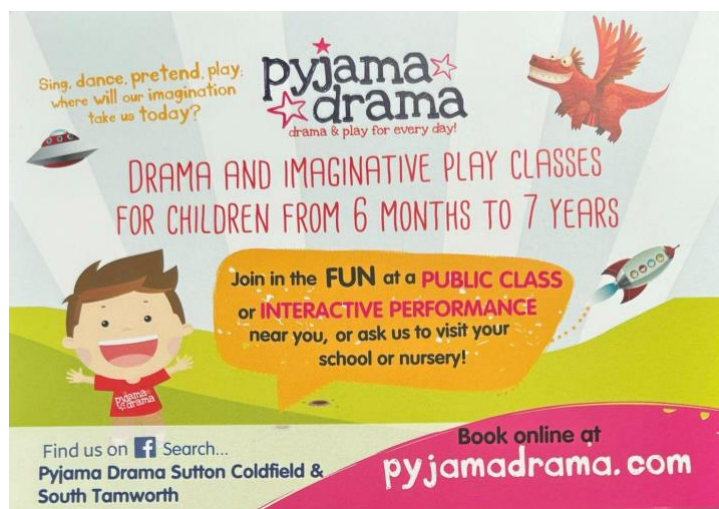
\*\*Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September will be INSET days and school will be closed to pupils. We will welcome Years 1-6 back to school for the academic year 2024/25 on Wednesday 4th September at 8.50am. Arrangements for the new EYFS class will be communicated separately.\*\*

### PFA events

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

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

## What is on offer in our local community?




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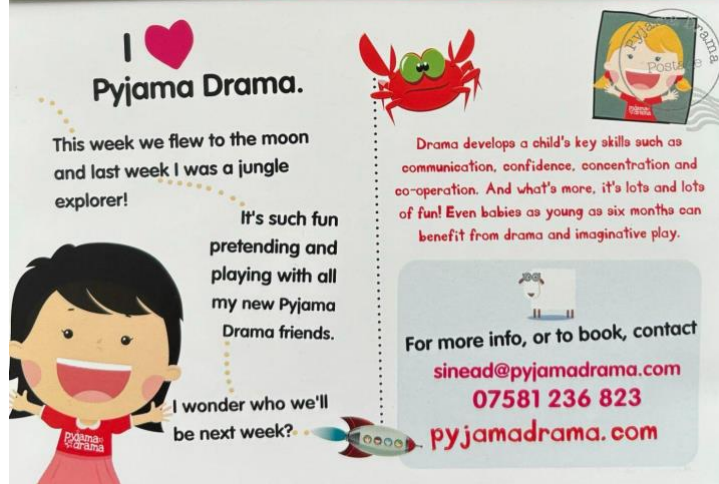
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**I ♥ Pyjama Drama.**

This week we flew to the moon and last week I was a jungle explorer!

It's such fun pretending and playing with all my new Pyjama Drama friends.

I wonder who we'll be next week?

Drama develops a child's key skills such as communication, confidence, concentration and co-operation. And what's more, it's lots and lots of fun! Even babies as young as six months can benefit from drama and imaginative play.

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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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