

10th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gospel Virtues

It is a new half term and so we introduce a new pair of Gospel Virtues. This half term we are focusing on becoming more 'ATTENTIVE' and 'DISCERNING'.

At St. Nicholas School we are striving to be **attentive** to God's call. We strive to be **discerning** when deciding to act in the best interests of others rather than ourselves.

When staff see or hear pupils living out the focus Gospel Virtues they will be sent to Mrs Noble-Barton to receive a Gospel Virtues wristband. This week Rianna in Y5, Ella in Y6 and Lewis M in Y3 received a wristband.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day - see Twitter for photos and videos!

We have had an amazing day today celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign. Thank you so much for the time and effort put into the pupils' clothes - they look amazing!

This morning started with a brief assembly where we discussed the changes which have taken place over the last 70 years and showed off our costumes. Pupils then completed various activities, challenges and quizzes linked to the Jubilee.

This afternoon we had 'High Tea' in the hall - thank you for the wonderful donations of cakes. Huge thanks to the staff members who set up and cleaned up!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This week was the allotted window for administering the Year 1 Phonics Screening check - well done to all pupils in Year 1 who conducted themselves sensibly. We were given an unannounced 'spot check' to ensure that the school was administering the check fairly and in line with the guidance from the Standards and Testing Agency. 10% of schools are selected at random for these checks. We are pleased to say that we passed with flying colours and the assessor was satisfied with every area of test administration. A special thanks to Miss Finn for administering the assessments and to all staff members who teach phonics.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

The window for administering the Y4 MTC is now open. Over the next couple of weeks' pupils in Y4 will sit this check. As always, our approach to external tests is 'do your best'. Good luck Y4.

<u>Year 4 swimming</u>

Year 4 will be swimming on Tuesday (14th), Wednesday (15th), Thursday (16th) and Friday (17th) and will need a full kit on these days. A raincoat with a hood is also helpful as they are walking to and from Wyndley!

Bookworms offer

We have teamed up with an online book retailer to bring to you some fantastic children's books at affordable prices. Bookworms online <u>https://www.bookwormsonline.co.uk</u> has a huge selection of books to suit all ages and interests and when you purchase a book for your child, the school gets some new books too! From 13th-19th June 2022 use code NICHOLAS to pay just £2.50 per book with free delivery to school! Please see the attached flyer for details.

LAMDA

Huge congratulations! On Thursday 19th May the CENTRESTAGE Speech and Drama pupils took their individual LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose exams. Each pupil had to prepare a poem (or two poems) to perform and then answer questions and engage in conversation with an external examiner. We are hugely proud of what each pupil has managed to achieve this year. Not only were their performances fantastic, but it takes real confidence to walk into an exam on your own - which each pupil demonstrated wonderfully! Well done to everyone involved. We look forward to celebrating your results with you in September.

Dates for your diary

13th June	Y4 Trip to Conkers
15th June	Sutton Area Sports Event @ Wyndley
17th June	Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 at 7pm
18th/19th June	'Get on your bike' weekend - details TBC
20th June	EYFS & KS1 Trip to Twycross Zoo
1st July	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
8th July	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
11th-13th July	Year 5 trip to Alton Castle
11th July	Leavers' Mass at 4.30pm
14th July	Sports' Day
18th-20th July	Year 6 trip to Blackwell
21st July	Last day of this academic year - Leavers' Assembly at 2pm
Mon 5th Sept	INSET Day
Tues 6th Sept	Pupils' first day back (Years 1-6) for academic year 2022-23

God bless,

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