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*Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 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 Indonesian:***

#### Lord's prayer in Indonesian

Bapa kami yang ada di surga

Dimuliakanlah nama-Mu

Datanglah Kerajaan-Mu

Jadilah kehendak-Mu

Di atas bumi seperti di dalam Surga

Berilah kami rejeki pada hari ini

Dan ampunilah kesalahan kami,

Seperti kamipun mengampuni yang bersalah kepada kami

Dan janganlah masukkan kami ke dalam percobaan

Tetapi bebaskan la kami dari yang jahat

[Karena Engkaulah yang empunya Kerajaan dan kuasa dan kemuliaan sampai selama-lamanya]

Amin



### World Religions Work

Over the past week, all classes have been using their RE lessons to learn about a different world religion. EYFS & Y3 have been learning about Hinduism; Y1 and Y4 have been learning about Islam; Y2 and Y5 have been learning about Sikhism whilst Y6 have been learning about Judaism.

This week, Years 1 and 4 will be having a workshop about Islam and Year 6 will be having a virtual session with a Rabbi. Why not ask your child what they have learned about their focus faith?

### Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

### INSET day - 4th July

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July for the whole MAC Inset day where all staff will be at another academy school. Please note that school is open as normal for pupils on Friday 5th July.

### Smartphone Free Movement

#### Ensuring a balanced childhood in a digital age

There is a group of St Nicholas parents, led by Mrs Higginson, who are spearheading the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement at St Nicholas. Inspired by the work of other groups around the country (<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>) this group of parents want to empower and educate other parents about the research which is now linking the age that a child first gets a smartphone with the mental health and safety of children.

Above is a link to the recording of a webinar set up by Mrs Higginson and paid for by our PFA. This is well worth a watch as renowned parenting expert, Anita Cleare, gives a presentation on how to balance the positives and negatives of digital devices in your home.

If you are interested in learning more about this approach, there is a meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 11th July** at 5.45pm. All are welcome.

#### *Message from Mrs Higginson:*

*If you do have any feedback from the presentation, please let me know on 07793 131918, and if you are eager to get involved more in this subject, or know someone who has presented on this issue, please get in touch!*

### Breast Cancer Care fundraiser - Friday 28th June

Darcey and Clara in Y5 have organised a fundraiser to raise money for 'Breast Cancer Now' charity. **All pupils are invited to wear an item of pink and/or white** with their school uniform in return for £1 on Friday 28th. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day. Pupils could wear pink socks, a white t-shirt or something in their hair. Please try to support this if you can. Thank you.

### School uniform sales

Thank you to one of our parents who shared this social media post which gives information about upcoming school uniform discount events at various retailers.

Whilst the St Nicholas branded items can't be bought from these retailers, the plain grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores can be found as can summer dresses.

**2024 SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES**

|   |   |                                     |
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| <b>SAINSBURY'S</b><br>25% off<br>June 19-27 |  | <b>M&amp;S</b><br>20% off<br>July 2 |
| <b>ALDI</b><br>£5 uniform bundle<br>July 4  |   | <b>TESCO</b><br>25% off<br>July 23  |


### 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.

### Peripatetic music concert - Thursday 27th June 2024

Pupils who have received music tuition, as well as the whole of Year 4, who have taken part in guitar lessons, will be performing at a music concert in the school hall on Thursday 27th June at 4:30pm. Please see the Parent Mail sent out earlier this week for further details.

### School Fund

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|  | <p>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.</p> <p>We can't do it without you and we hugely appreciate all school fund donations! Thank you!</p> <p>School fund payments can be made via Parent Mail.</p> <p>There is also now an option to '<u>gift a school fund</u>' if you are able to do so!</p> <p>Many thanks to our wonderful PFA for supporting us with this!</p> |
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### This week's attendance

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

| Year group | % attendance for w/c 17.6.24 |           |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Reception  | 90%                          |           |
| Year 1     | 93.3%                        |           |
| Year 2     | 92.3%                        |           |
| Year 3     | 94%                          |           |
| Year 4     | 91.3%                        |           |
| Year 5     | 89%                          | BELOW 90% |
| Year 6     | 96%                          | WINNERS!  |

Well done to this week's winners...Y6! You can negotiate a reward with Mr Reid on Monday.

### Dates for the diary

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| 25/6/24      | New starters' parent & child lunch in school at 11.30am |
| 27/6/24      | Music Concert - 4.30pm                                  |
| 28/29th June | Year 4 sleepover in school                              |
| w/c 1/7/24   | Money Week  |
| 1/7/24       | New starters' parent induction meeting at 5.45pm        |
| 3/7/24       | Secondary transition day / move up morning              |
| 4/7/24       | INSET Day - school closed to children                   |

10/7/24 Pupil Profile Reviews  
 11/7/24 5.45pm - Smartphone Free Meeting in school hall  
 12/7/24 Sports' Day at Braemar Fields  
 16/7/24 New starters' stay and play sessions (either AM or PM)  
 19/7/24 2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
 19/7/24 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**

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

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I wonder who we'll be next week?

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