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live & learn.**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 15th November 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?** We continue to look at the Lord's prayer in different languages... this week in BSL:

[The Lord's Prayer in BSL](#)



Wednesday Word

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

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, a group of our Mini Vinnies visited Bishop's Manor Care Home to help a 104-year-old WWII veteran lay a poppy wreath in a moving tribute. Back at school, the rest of the pupils and staff gathered in the hall for a prayerful service of Remembrance, followed by a two-minute silence to honour all those who have served and sacrificed. Pupils showed respect, compassion, and reflection on this important day.

Remembrance Board

November is a special time in the Catholic Church to remember and honour loved ones who have died. Every year in November we create a meaningful Remembrance Board, we invite pupils and families to bring in photos, memorial cards, or orders of service of those you'd like us to remember. **Just pop them in an envelope and drop them off at the school office.** This display will be a place for us all to pause, reflect, and keep their memory close. Thank you for helping us make this month especially meaningful.

CAFOD Live Simply Table Top Sale - postponed

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our CAFOD Table Top Sale. Unfortunately, we didn't receive enough donations to hold the sale as planned this week. To ensure its success, the tabletop sale will now take place during the Advent Fair on 30th November.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support for this important cause.

Prayer Bags

If your child brings home their class prayer bag, we'd love to see them using it to lead prayer at home. Please snap a photo and send it to our enquiry email address.

It's always a joy to see our pupils sharing their faith and leading prayer with their families. Thank you for being part of this special journey of prayer.

Non-Uniform Day 22/11/24

Just a reminder that Wednesday, 22nd November, is a non-uniform day. In return, we're asking for donations of a chocolate treat to be used in the chocolate tombola at the Advent Fair.

Please ensure chocolates are brought into the classroom. Pupils should wear clothes that are appropriate for school and remember to bring a coat. Thank you for your support.

Festive Bake Off - Advent Fair

Get your aprons ready and your mixers whirring—our **Festive Bake Off** is here! If you'd like to enter, simply bake your masterpiece and deliver it to school on **Friday, 29th November**.

❁ Important:

- Include a full ingredients list.

- No nuts or fresh cream, please!

Check out the flyer attached to this email for all the details. We can't wait to see (and maybe taste!) your incredible creations. Happy baking! 🍪 ❁

Gifts from God Assemblies Autumn 2

Please see below the dates of our 'Gifts of God' assemblies which take place on alternate Fridays at 2.45pm. Please note that the last two assemblies of the term are on consecutive weeks.

A polite reminder to only attend Gifts from God assembly if your child is receiving an award, space is at a premium in the school hall!

Friday 22nd November

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th December (Final Gifts from God Assembly of the Autumn Term)

Stay and Pray - 9am **Dates for your diary**

Over the course of the Autumn Term, each class will hold a 'Stay and Pray' session. During these sessions, parents, carers & grandparents are encouraged to drop their children at school and then make their way into the classroom for a short prayer session with their child/grandchild.

Each session will start at 9am and run for approximately 20 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in prayer with your child and their class. Everyone is invited, regardless of faith. Dates are below:

Friday 22/11: EYFS

Friday 29/11: Year 1

Friday 6/12: Year 6

Friday 13/12: Year 5

Curriculum Workshops

So far this term we have hosted several successful Parent & Child Workshops. These events are wonderful opportunities for parents & carers to experience the curriculum and work with their child. Below are the dates of the remaining workshops, all are a 9am start and last for around 90 minutes:

Tuesday 19th November - Year 2

Tuesday 26th November - Year 3

Pudding & Pie

Nikki and her team have places available for this excellent lunchtime club. The booking link is below.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/pudding-pie-stnicholas-cooking-club-sutton-coldfield-048bb93e-c917-4154-880e-85850a6d80e8>

Football club - Monday after school - Years 3 to 5

Below is the link from Microsports for booking your child onto the after school club:

<https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk/sutton-coldfield-schools-Fv2Jd/p/st-nicholas-after-school-football-monday-autumn2>

PFA News

PFA Lottery

Do you fancy winning a pot of cash whilst contributing to St Nicholas PFA and just in time for Christmas....

Then have a go on the new St Nicholas lottery!

A 50/50 prize fund capped at

1st - £500

2nd - £250

3rd - £100

Tickets are £5 each

Draw will take place on 13/12/24 during the last school assembly.

(The prize fund is dependant on sales so we really need your help and support with this340 tickets need to be sold to reach this target)

Please follow the link for online purchases or catch Rosemarie O'Connor (reception/year 1) or Maria Kilbride (year 4/6) on the school run/at assemblies for a cash purchase.

<https://tinyurl.com/stnickslotto>

Best of luck and remember - you need to be in it to win it!

Do you shop at Asda either in store or online? PLEASE SIGN UP

We're pleased to announce that St Nicholas School PFA has joined the ASDA Cash programme, so families can now earn money for the school while doing their shopping - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Advent Fayre: Sat 30th Nov, 12pm-3pm - message from the organising committee

The St Nicholas Advent Fayre is just around the corner! This is our official school event and we can't wait to welcome you all for a day filled with festive fun and activities, including craft stalls and creative activities for the whole family, festive games, raffles, and prizes to be won!

[St Nicholas School PFA - link for tickets to Advent Fair 30/11/24](#)

Christmas After School Disco: Tues 17th Dec, 3:30-5pm (children only)

Dates for the diary

Monday 18th November	Year 6 - Blackwell information meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 19th November	9am-10.30am Year 2 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd November	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 22nd November	Non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the PFA Advent Fair
Friday 22nd November	EYFS Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED

Friday 22nd November	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 26th November	9am-10.30am Year 3 parent & child curriculum workshop in the school hall
Friday 29th November	Year 1 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Saturday 30th November	12pm-3pm PFA Advent Fair
Friday 6th December	Year 6 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Friday 6th December	Whole School Mass for Feast of St Nicholas - 9.15am in church
Friday 6th December	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 9th December	Rudolph Run - whole school fundraiser for Birmingham Hospice
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to Midlands Art Centre to see Little Angel Theatre: Finding Santa
Thursday 12th December	KS2 trip to Lichfield Garrick to see Jack and the Beanstalk
Friday 13th December	Year 5 Stay and Pray at 9am - ALL INVITED
Friday 13th December	Gifts from God assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 16th to Wednesday 17th December	Y5 Bikeability extra sessions
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	9.15am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play performance - tickets only
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day PFA Christmas Disco 3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term - pupils break up for Christmas
Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6th January	First day of the Spring Term - all pupils back in school at 8.50am
Friday 31st January 2025	Young Voices concert at Resorts World, Birmingham

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