

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Dates

Dear Parents,

Quite some time ago I asked for interest in a paid for after school facility, thank you to all those who responded. I just wanted to assure you I have not forgotten! Finding a suitable space has not been as straight forward as I hoped. I will let you know as soon as I have more information, thank you for your patience.

Can I please remind you that you are not entitled to park in the school carpark at any time of day. It has been brought to my attention that on a regular basis the same people flaunt this rule. It is not fair on everyone else and it increases the risk to our children so please do not do it. Have a lovely week.

Years 3 and 4 Roman Day:

Tomorrow, our Years 3 and 4s are bringing their History topic alive by holding a Roman Day. I cannot wait to hear all about it.

Non-Uniform Day

A big thank you to all those that contributed to the non-uniform day last Friday. An amazing £400.00 was raised. We will ensure the money is sent swiftly.

Chinese New Year

Our Reception class were busy celebrating the Chinese New Year last week. Well done for working so hard together learning all about it. They taught me that I was born in the year of the Ox!

Communion Attendance Cards

Reminder: Father Duane has asked could the children currently preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Please bring their attendance cards to Mass or into school this week if you haven't done so already. He would like to look at them. Thank you.

Thought of the Week

Always do your best.
What you plant now
you will Harvest later.

Og Mandino

Reading Matters

Within school, we are constantly striving to improve reading. As part of this we have invested in a new range of books to support phonic knowledge in Key Stage 1, we have also provided every class with non-fiction books to match class topics. Reading is the gateway to all learning and so I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this for all our children and young people regardless of their age. The ability to read is the critical to all future learning and the work you put in now (at home) will pay dividends in ways that will help your child forever. Read to as well as listen to your child read. Bedtime stories are critically important and from a real book. That precious time before they settle for the night is massively important in so many ways.

Date	Event
3/2/20	Cinderella production for whole school at school
4/2/20	Class Mass Y4
5/2/20	Y5 Nell Bank Residential
12/2/20	Teddy Bears hospital visit.
14/2/20	School nurse – Reception School closes 3;30pm Half term.

Dates are subject to change. More details will be sent out for trips/events as they get closer.

Useful websites for Family Reading:

www.booktrust.org.uk

www.childliteracy.com

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Friends of St Nicholas meeting for Thursday 6th Feb has been cancelled. A new date will be arranged.

This Week's Statement to Live by is: I listen to what people say, I know I am listening to you



School Attendance

As you are already aware St Nicholas takes attendance matters very seriously and over several years, I have added information about attendance on the Newsletter. Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will help your child when they enter the world of work.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential. Each week going forward, I am going to include attendance figures on the Newsletter. The end of year attendance target is 97.5%.

Week ending 31/1/20

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
99.3%	97.8%	97.3%	97.6%	98.8%	96.6%	96.6%	97.7%

Nell Bank

Our Year 5 children are heading off on residential this Wednesday – we hope they have a fabulous time! I cannot wait to hear all about it on their return.

Praise Assembly:

Year Groups	Well Done Certificate x1	Good Samaritan Chosen by Mini Vinnies	Most Merits	Every half term 'Captains table' (Lunch with Head)
Rec A	Alanna Aurigemma			
Rec B	Olivia Roebuck			
Y1	Anayah Muir		Kai Mususa	
Y1/2	Emily Bogusz	Maya Cerovic	Mateusz Sikora	
Y2	Sara Mebrahtom		Alan Tyszkiewicz	
Y3	John Ayileka		Florence Crook	
Y3/4	Skyler Pearce		Lilly Walsh	
Y4	Erika Onochen		Toby Meehan	
Y5	Paddy Donachie		Ketsia Tshibangu	
Y5/6	Caitlin Smart		Laurn Mannion	
Y6	Laurel Ekyem		Julia Isabelle Bituin	
Lunch Time Award		Eric Ani + Isabelle Chambers		
Attendance		Class 4		
House Winner		Bolton		
Head Teacher Award		Year 6		

Yours sincerely
Mrs Burns,
Head Teacher