

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well. At the moment I am going to send a Newsletter every couple of weeks, I think there is an awful lot to deal with at the moment without school bombarding you with letters. I would like to thank everyone who is acting so sensibly and cautiously about COVID 19. The entry and exit at the end of the school day appears to be efficient and as much as is possible avoids crowding and you are keeping us informed of any possible contacts or symptoms.

Longer Half term rumours

I have been asked several times recently if half term is going to extend into a lockdown. I have no information at all about this at the moment. Last time a lockdown was announced schools found out at exactly the same time as everyone else! I will of course inform you if I hear anything officially and quickly if I get information about this.

School Photos

Individual and sibling school photos will be taken next week on Tuesday 13th October. The photos usually look better if the children are wearing the winter uniform. **If your children have PE on that day SEND THEM IN SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

Mental Health Awareness

World Mental Health Awareness day is Saturday 10th October. To mark this, on Friday the children will be coming off their usual timetable and taking part in activities to highlight the importance of mental health and the importance of taking time for themselves.

Parents Evening

Towards the end of this half term we would normally host the 'settling in' parents evening. Due to COVID 19 restrictions we will not be holding meetings. In its place you will receive a brief written report about how your child has settled into their new class, some information about their maths and English. If a teacher feels they really need to speak to you they will call you. The reports will be sent out the week beginning 19th October.

Secondary School Applications

It is now time for all our Year 6 pupils to apply for their preferred high schools. Supplementary information forms have been sent home with each Year 6 child should you wish to apply for any Catholic High School in Leeds. Parents must complete the online form on Leeds City Council website, as well as completing and returning the SIFs. High schools have not been able to hold their usual open days so they have done virtual tours. Please check your chosen High Schools websites for further information. **The closing date is 31st October 2020.** Please ensure you select the full number of preferences on your application and do not make the mistake of only putting one school.

Primary School Applications

We will shortly be opening the application round for Primary Applications to our Reception class for 2021. The opening date is 1st November 2020, closing in January 2021. Please see our school website for more information. Applicants need to complete our supplementary form as well as the Leeds City Council application form. Please pass this information onto any parents or friends who you know might be interested. This year we will be unable to hold face to face tours but Miss Dunleavy will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Remote Learning

The staff and I are working on a Remote Learning Strategy if we end up in lockdown or have to isolate pupils/staff. We have sent previous information regarding Google Classrooms – we have spent a great deal of time this week working out the best strategies for delivering online work and we have decided that Google Classrooms will be used by Key Stage 2 only and they are getting the opportunity in the coming week to try this out in school. Key Stage 1 will remain with Class Dojo for the time being, it is much more user friendly for them, again they will be trying this out in school for familiarisation. More information will be sent next week along with all the logins needed.

Stay safe and well, God Bless
Mrs Burns
Head Teacher