

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update: I wish to thank all our parents for your continuing support and loyalty whilst we work together to keep our school running efficiently despite the covid pandemic. I wish to remind you of decisions made to ensure children; staff and community remain safe and well, as well as continuing to fulfil our statutory obligation to provide a quality curriculum:

- Parents are all politely requested to wear facemasks to enter the school site (unless exempt), or when directly requesting to speak with a teacher/leader.
- Any child with symptoms will be sent home and expected to be tested using a PCR test.
- When a child is self-isolating and away from school due to Covid-19, and is not ill, all children will be provided with work to complete at home. This is in line with our home learning policy (please read our remote learning guidance online). This will be via Google Classrooms.
- On day 1 of any COVID-19 absence, where children are not ill, children should complete the following: Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars, Reading Eggs, Reading Book, weekly spellings and spelling sentences and handwriting practice.



Rainbow Dress Down Day: Remember that tomorrow is Rainbow Dress down day, see previous letter for more details.

Praying the Rosary: Today is the feast of Our Lady of the Reminds us that the entire month of November is praying for the souls of the faithful departed and praying children in Key Stage 2 will be invited to voluntary praying of the Monday.



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Harvest: Well done to our wonderful Year 2 children who led a fantastic Harvest assembly today. Your generosity as always was fantastic and the donations make a real impact on people's lives via both St George's Crypt and our own Parish. Thank you

Sacraments: Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion at the beginning of October, let us continue to keep all the children in our prayers as they strengthen their journey with the Church. We are now up to date with all sacraments delayed because of the Pandemic. Once we have confirmed arrangements with Father Craig we will send out information for this year's sacraments and the preparation that is needed.

After School Club Provision: Thank you for the forms already returned, if you have not already could you please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return to school.

Photograph Reminder: The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th October to take individual and siblings who are in school photos.

Reading, Phonics and Home: It is really important that you read with your child EVERY day at primary school... the older ones too! Young children love nothing more than being read to, and I would encourage you, that if you do nothing else, that you read (a REAL BOOK) to them at bedtime... as often as you can! We have got to get your children reading and reading fluently and we can't do this alone... there will be really accelerated progress in reading if you just spend 5-10mins a day reading with them. Thank you

Parents Evening Reminder: The School Cloud system went live for bookings on Wednesday 6th October at 4pm and will close on Monday 11th October at 4pm. If you have not made an appointment by this date then your child's teacher will make an appointment for you and you will receive a notification via email.

If you experience any issues with booking an appointment then please contact the school office. We will send another letter out closer to the time to guide you on how to access your virtual appointment.

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 to the relevant schools. The final closing date is 31st October 2021. Please ensure you select the full number of preferences on your application and do not make the mistake of only putting one school. Please contact the school office if you are having any difficulties with this.

Primary School Applications: We will shortly be opening the application round for Primary Applications to our Reception class for 2022. The opening date is 1st November 2021, closing 15th January 2022. 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. Contact the school office if you wish to look round.

Please continue to keep Mr Cox in your prayers.

God Bless
Mrs Burns
Head Teacher