

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers

“Squid Games”: Some of the pupils in Leeds have been talking about a television series currently streaming on Netflix called “Squid Game”. The series has a rating of 15+ as the content includes high levels of violence and other graphic depictions of serious assault. It focuses on adult themes that are not appropriate for younger sensibilities.

Children and young people are likely to know about the show via word of mouth and because it is becoming popular on social media. The aesthetic of Squid Game, especially in promotional images and material, appears innocent and childlike and provides a clash with the adult like content.

Parents and carers should be aware that video content from this show is found on TikTok, which could also increase pupils' interest in watching the show. We just wanted to make parents and carers aware that even if you restrict the young person in your care from watching Squid Game, they may be able to access content on other social media platforms.

Safeguarding: On Wednesday, as part of our safeguarding morning, the E-Team will be delivering an assembly to children across school. As part of our effort to ensure our children are safe online, we are launching a new **Safer Schools App** for parents, children and staff that keeps users up to date with the latest digital safety announcements and warnings. The app also includes relevant information in regards to apps and websites that children may be using and how to ensure your child is safe when using them. More information will follow as to how you can access the app.

Bikeability: Last week some of our children were busy learning how to keep safe when riding their bikes through bikeability training. The children have not only learnt about staying safe with cycling, but the training has also equipped them with gaining independence, social skills and supporting their sense of wellbeing. Thank you to the bikeability trainers that have been in school supporting all of our pupils this week.

Non-Uniform: Friday 22nd October is non-uniform day, for a donation of £1.

Half Term: School Closes this Friday for half term and reopens for pupils on **Tuesday 2nd November**. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half term.

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 on 15th 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. Contact the school office if you wish to look round.

Please continue to keep Mr Cox in your prayers.

A Short School Prayer

Almighty God We give you our school.

We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,

We give you all the children who study here.

We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God Bless
Mrs Burns
Head Teacher