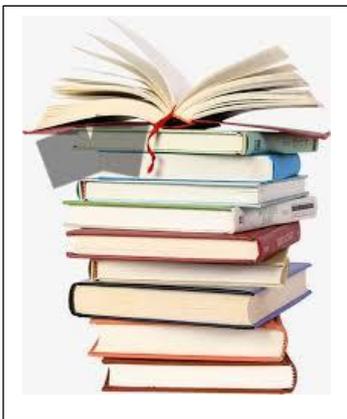




Dear Parents & Carers

New Staff: I am very pleased to let you know that we have some fabulous new teachers joining the staff. Miss Jackson and Mrs Drakard have joined the Key Stage 2 team and Miss Bennett and Miss Musgrove will be joining us in Key Stage 1 team shortly. These teachers are in addition to our existing class teachers and enable us to teach the children in smaller groups. I am sure you will make them most welcome. We also welcome Mrs Harley as a new teaching assistant. We are very happy to have you join the St Nicholas Family.



Reading: As you know success in reading is crucial in a child's education and we are always looking for ways to improve it in school and embed a love of reading in the children. Today a representative from each class travelled in the mini bus to Waterstones book shop in town. They each had £100 to spend on new books for their classroom libraries- I cannot wait to see what they have picked!

Remembrance: Our Year 4 children led a beautiful and thoughtful Remembrance assembly last week. The children read beautifully and with great respect for a difficult subject. Well done to all of them and thank you for all the parents and friends that joined us for it.

Maths Week: We are celebrating maths this week. The theme is "The power of making mistakes" we really want to focus on how we can learn and train our brain through addressing misconceptions.



Primary School Applications: Primary School Applications: Primary Applications to our Reception class for 2022 opened on 1st November 2021, closing 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. We will be holding small group tour on 18th November, places must be booked please contact the school office.

Key Dates & Events

Thursday 18th November:
10am New Reception tour

22nd November:
Safeguarding week

23rd November: Year 5 & 6
Propaganda Museum

2nd December: Christingle
led by Year 3/4

6th December: St Nicholas
Day assembly Y5

8th December
Reception Nativity
@9:30am &
Key Stage 1 @2pm

9th December: Key Stage 1
Nativity @9:30am
Reception Nativity @2pm

14th December: Magician

15th December: Christmas
parties

16th December: Christmas
lunch & Jumper day

17th December: School
closes 1:30pm for
Christmas

4th January: School
Reopens

Please note dates maybe
subject to change

Pupil Voice: Throughout school it is important that the children have the opportunity to be heard and offer their opinions, we call this 'Pupil Voice'. Pupil voice in schools means a whole-school commitment to listening to the views, wishes and experiences of all children and young people. It means placing value on what children and young people tell school staff about their experiences.

Children and young people need to be provided with meaningful opportunities to share their experiences, views and hopes about their school. Pupils need to know that it is safe and that it is important for them to express their views on what happens at school. They need to know that what they say is valued and will be listened to and considered.

Every pupil at St Nicholas has a 'voice' but we also have several groups that have specific remits, these are:

Mini Vinnies: Mini Vinnies empowers primary school students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. They meet regularly to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society. Our Mini Vinnies over the last couple of weeks have been selling the Remembrance Poppies- they have sold more items than we have ever sold before.

School Council: A school council is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views. Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives. A school council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them.

Eco Warriors: The Eco-Warriors take the lead in reviewing the sustainability issues in the school. In the autumn term they carry out an Environmental Review and any issues arising are then incorporated into the Eco Action Plan, to be worked on throughout the year.

E-Cadets: The e-Cadets programme coaches your students to be online safety experts. They can deliver our class and assembly activities. They strive to have an impact in improving behaviour, safeguarding and reducing online safety issues.

Sports Leaders: Coming soon! Sports Leaders are trained at the beginning of the year to lead activities and games with younger children and are taught the important qualities that are needed when working with young people. They teach the children how to play games safely and use equipment.



God Bless

Mrs Burns

Head Teacher