

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Thursday 5th May 2022
Newsletter 15

Dear Parents & Carers

60th Anniversary: We are very proud to be part of the St Nicholas school and parish community and are thrilled to be celebrating 60 years of the school. We will be celebrating Mass together on Friday 13th May in church, you are all welcome to join us for this, we then have a fun day planned for the children, fingers crossed the weather forecast is better so that we can really enjoy the things we have planned. Going into the new school year we will hold some other events to celebrate the anniversary.

Online maths and reading support: All children have access to our paid subscriptions to mathletics, times tables rock stars and reading eggs or reading eggspress. Please encourage your child to use these to continue to enhance their learning in the classroom. Well done to all the children who use these regularly.

Nightly reading: We strongly encourage all our children from Reception to Year 6 to read EVERY night to an adult at home. This could be their reading book or a book of their choice. Please record these reading experiences in your child's planners to share with us the wonderful reading taking place at home. We really want the children to have a love of learning that stays with them throughout their lives.

Year 6 SATs Year 6 SATs Week: will start on Monday 9th May. It is extremely important that every child in Year 6 attends school that week. The children and staff have worked extremely hard this year and it is the children's chance to show how amazing they are. Your child is also invited to a free SATs breakfast club each morning to get them well fed and settled before the tests begin. A letter with more details will be coming home today.

Year 3 West Leeds Activity Centre visit: is taking place on the 25th May. Miss Chatt who is leading the visit will be sending more details out to parents shortly.



Marian Assembly led by Miss Musgrave's class: The month of May is dedicated to Mary, Our Mother and on **Thursday 19th May**, Miss Musgrave's will lead a Marian Service in St Nicholas Church at 9:10am.

During the Service we will be surrounding the statue of Mary with flowers and ask that every child brings at least one flower to present to Mary. We will end with Mary being crowned. Everyone is welcome to come along. After the Service most of the flowers will be donated to local old people's homes and the rest will be used to decorate the statues of Mary in school and Church.
(Please note this is a change of date)

Key Dates & Events

Thursday 5th May: Reception trip to Tropical World

Y4 Skipping competition

W/B 9th May SATs week Y6

18th & 19th May: D:Side

Saturday 21st May: First Holy Communion

W/B 23rd May: Sports week, including 24th May Sports day

25th May: Y3 West Leeds Activity Centre

26th May: Jubilee picnic lunch

Thursday 19th May: Y1/2 Marian Service **CHANGE OF DATE**

Friday 27th May: School closes for half term.

Please note dates maybe subject to change



First Holy Communion: is taking place on Saturday 21st May, a letter with more details and a date for a parents meeting is coming out shortly.



The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: Year 1 children will all be taking part in the statutory Phonics Screening check. The check will be administered during the week commencing 6th June. The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening? Since June 2012 the phonics screening check has been taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

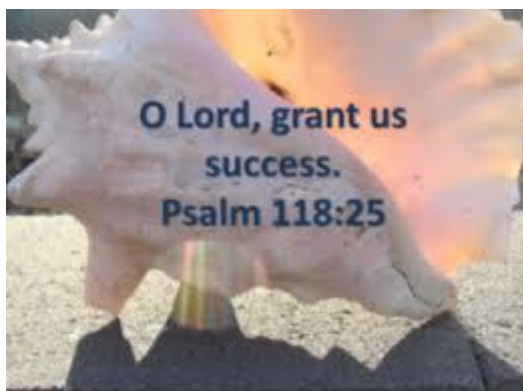
What is in the phonics screening check? There will be two sections in this 40-word check and it will assess phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Your child will read up to four words per page for their teacher and they will probably do the check in one sitting of about 5-10 minutes.

What are 'non-words'? The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' (or 'nonsense words'). Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before. The children will all be familiar with this because the teachers already use 'non-words' when they teach phonics.

Non-words are important to include because words such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the non-words by using their memory or vocabulary; they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

After the check : We will tell you about your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has done in the screening check in the last half-term of Year 1.

With exam season nearly upon us, let us pray and think of this psalm:



God Bless

Mrs Burns
Head Teacher

Virtues to Live by: Kindness