

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Tuesday 24th May 2022
Newsletter 16

Dear Parents & Carers

Time is flying! School closes for half term this Friday 27th May at 3:30pm and reopens to children on Tuesday 7th June. It has been another exceptionally busy half term with SATs, sacraments and sport. Fingers crossed sports day will go ahead on Friday. We kick started sports week yesterday with a staff verses children netball match. We are a very competitive staff team and although the children played tremendously well the staff beat them 21-1! I think we were more excited than the Leeds United team staying in the Premier League at winning!

Good Shepherd Mass: Congratulations to our children who attended The Annual Good Shepherd Mass at Leeds Cathedral last Friday. The children presented our fundraising from Lent to Bishop Marcus who was so grateful for our charity and generosity. Thank you all for your generosity.



Year 2 and 6: Congratulations on the completion of the SATs. Each child approached all tests with a positive attitude and a great spirit to succeed. The Year 6 papers have all been collected for marking externally, so that is all we will know until July! Well done!

Year 1 Phonics Test: In the week beginning Monday 6th June, our Year 1 pupils will complete the phonics screening check. Again, this is a quiz that the children have been used to as we use this to assess pupils regularly throughout Year 1. The test will be likely carried out by Mrs Doherty.

First Holy

Communion: Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. You all looked beautiful, read wonderfully and showed a real respect and understanding for the occasion. A big thank you to the staff and parents who have prepared them so well for the day. Father Craig would love to see you all regularly in Church. Confirmation classes begin today for Year 6 children in preparation for their confirmation later this summer, I will let you know the date as soon as Father Craig has let me know.

Marian Service: Year 1/2 will be leading the Marian Service on Wednesday, we are now having to hold this in the school hall and not Church as previously advertised, this does mean only parents from Miss Musgrave's class can attend. We welcome flowers from everyone though and these will decorate the statues of Mary in Church and school, any left over flowers will be donated to local old people's homes.

Key Dates & Events

W/B 23rd May: Sports week, including 27th May Sports day

25th May: Y3 West Leeds Activity Centre

26th May: Jubilee picnic lunch

Wednesday 25th May: Y1/2 Marian Service **CHANGE OF DATE**

Friday 27th May: School closes for half term.

Tuesday 7th June school reopens to children.

W/b 7th June Phonics screening & Multiplication Check.

Please note dates maybe subject to change



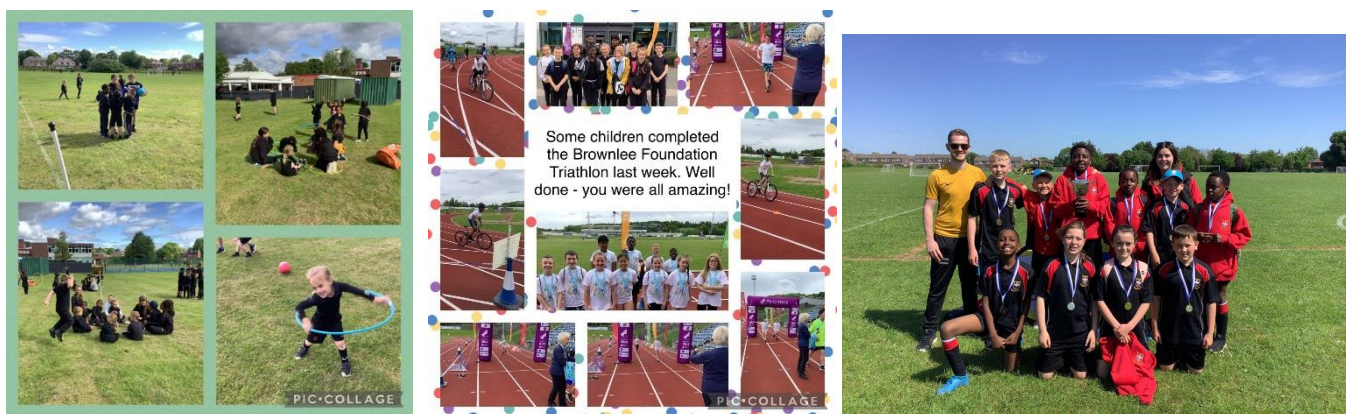
Year 4 Statutory Multiplications Check: This will take place in the week beginning 7th June. It is a quick test and the children have been doing lots of practice, continuing to practice over the half term will be a big help!!

Parent Pay: Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay! Starting on the 7th June 2022 we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. ParentPay will be live at school on 7th June. From this date we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. You should have received a letter with further details.

Catholic Cup at St Theresa's: Our football team was in action last week at St Theresa's, where hundreds of children across the Diocese played a full day of football. I am very happy to say the team won their league and have brought back a lovely shiny trophy!

Year 3: will be spending the day at West Leeds Activity Centre on Wednesday. They will get the opportunity to take part in a whole range of activities, have a great day!

Diocesan Vacancy: St Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Trust is seeking to appoint up to four new Directors with effect from 1 September 2022. The Trust wishes to increase diversity on the Board as well as looking for legal, environmental sustainability and risk management experience to add to the skill base which already exists, with appointments being made on merit. Women and people from ethnic minority backgrounds are currently underrepresented on the board, and we would welcome nominations of all suitably skilled persons from all sections of our communities. If you would like to know more, please send an email to directorrecruitment@sgtgcacat.org.uk or visit the Trust website <https://stgregorythegreatacademytrust.org.uk/governance/becoming-a-director/> and register your interest.



God Bless

Mrs Burns
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