

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Newsletter 17

Dear Parents & Carers

This week we are welcoming our new Reception children and parents into school. Another incredible journey with Jesus is about to begin! What a lovely time for our new entrants. This year, we received 172 applications for our 45 places. We can't wait to meet them all!

Last week we have had a very busy week with lots of visitors into school to help us with our learning all about how to keep ourselves safe and as part of our preventative curriculum. A big thank you to the West Yorkshire Police motor bikes and our local PCSO's who have been in to talk to the children. Our Year 5 and 6 children also had talks on gang awareness and weapon awareness. I know that that the children have had some super questions to ask our visitors and they commented on how impressed they were with these and the children's maturity and behaviour. Well done.

Safeguarding and Child Protection:

Our Designated Safeguarding Officers are: Mrs Fox (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Doherty (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Miss Hills, Miss Pearson and Mrs Dwyer (attendance). For any child protection concerns or any concerns of a sensitive nature, please do come and speak to any of the members in our team and we will of course be more than happy to support you.



Busy half term: National official testing has now been resumed and further assessments are now scheduled for the coming weeks for all pupils. All our children will be taking part in assessments over the coming weeks to ascertain gaps and strengths in readiness for their new classes. Reception class will be assessed as they end their Foundation Stage. Year 1 will undertake a phonic test nationally. Years 2 and Year 6 have already taken part in end of key stage assessments, and our Year 4 class will take part in the national multiplication test. Every day counts and we will continue to work hard every day. All our children have worked incredibly hard this year and deserve such praise.

Attendance: Remember as always that 100% attendance is critical during this half term as key learning will be taking place every single day until we finish on July 22nd. Thank you for your continued support.

Holidays: These cannot be approved and should be taken in periods of school closure. Early pick-ups are also not approved. Every minute of learning counts! Thank you!

Key Dates & Events

W/b 7th & 13 June Phonics screening & Multiplication Check.

14th & 15th June: New Reception meeting

16th June Y6 Konflux theatre visit

w/b 20th June RSE week

4th July: KS1 visit to Harewood

5th July: Y6 SAT results

12th & 13th July Y5 & 6 Production

14th July: Race for Life

20th July: Leaver's Mass & Y6 Theatre trip

21st July: Leaver's Assembly

22nd July: School closes for summer

Please note dates maybe subject to change



Parent Pay: Is now up and running- we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. If you have not yet set this up please do so, if you are having any difficulties with it please contact Mrs Musson in the school office and she will be able to help.

Confirmation: Many of our Year 6 pupils are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. Father Craig will be administering the sacrament to the children on Monday 4th July at 6pm at St Nicholas Church. The children involved will be sent more details shortly.

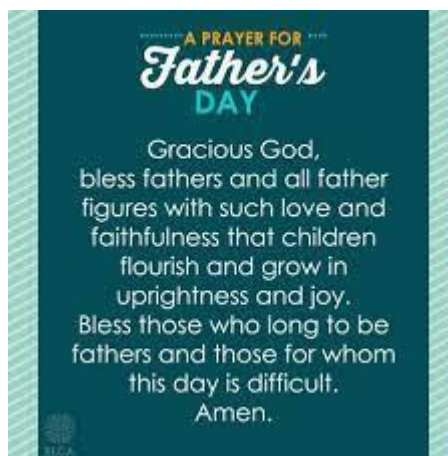


Year 6 Transition: The diary is full of visits and visitors from the Year 6 High Schools, please check information carefully so that your children don't miss any.

The Year 6 teachers will be sending out a letter confirming all the events happening between now and the children leaving, such as productions dates, party etc as their diary is very full!

SRE Education will be taught in school next week, a letter with further information is attached to this letter. If you have any questions or would like to see the resources we use please contact school.

Father's Day: This Sunday, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It is a day to honour fathers, father figures, grandfathers and father in laws. I hope you all have a lovely day being looked after.



God Bless

Mrs Burns
Head Teacher

Virtues to Live by: Honesty



SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) Curriculum Outline

Both of the resources we use in school are resources designed to support teachers and parents in Catholic schools. The Diocesan approved schemes are 'All that I am' for Years 5 and 6, and 'A Journey in Love' for Reception to Year 6.

Reception

- Children grow in understanding that God has made them unique and special
- Children focus on their hands, eyes, faces and body and note colour, shape, size etc. discussing how they are similar and different from each other.
- My special name – parent's names
- They grew in their mummy's womb for 9 months before they were born
- Who do they play with at school / home – what do you play
- Friends – emotions about friends
- Jesus – a special friend
- Mary as Jesus' mother – he grew in her womb before he was born.

Year 1:

- Who is in my family
- When I was a baby – what can babies do / not do – my first steps etc.
- How do we help at home
- Happy / sad moments in my family – how we show love
- Why do we need to grow up in a family
- Other families we may belong to – Baptism
- Being members of God's family

Year 2:

- Communities we belong to
- Signs of belonging
- What do we give to and receive from our communities
- Emotions we share in our community
- God as 'Our Father'
- How do we as children of God treat each other

Year 3:

- Who takes care of me
- How do I look after myself
- How am I changing
- How do I keep safe
- How do I help others make and keep friends
- How do I take care of others
- Emotions of friendship
- Difference between being alone and lonely – need for personal space
- Story of Zacchaeus – need for forgiveness in friendship

Year 4:

- Continue to recognise we all grow and develop at different rates
- Accepting and celebrating who I am
- Accepting differences in others
- Managing conflicts
- Dealing with natural, negative emotions
- Identifying and understanding my feelings
- St Paul's teaching on Love (patient, kind, not jealous etc)

Year 5:

- Physical changes in girls and boys during puberty
- Menstruation and Ovulation
- Social and emotional changes as we grow up – dealing with our emotions
- Celebrating their understanding of how we change as part of the cycle of life
- Life Changes
- Body cleanliness – care of body, hair, teeth, food
- Spiritual me – unhappy/happy/friendships

Year 6:

- The road ahead – review of Year 5 work
- How human life is conceived as part of the 'circle of life'
- Organs of the human body including male and female reproductive organs
- Understanding how a child grows within the mother's womb
- Relationships – love and commitment
- Different types of friendships
- Signs of love
- Celebrate God's creative love
- Responsibility
- Big fish small pond – moving onto secondary school
- Friends – making new friends