

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Dates

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and happy time together and got the chance to enjoy the sunshine. The children have returned looking refreshed, smart and raring to go. If you have not sent them with pumps or PE kit can you please send them in tomorrow, thank you.

I hope all last year's Year 6 settle well into their new lives at high school – we love to hear their successes.

We'd like to welcome all the new staff to our school community. We had some lovely news in the summer that Mrs Drakard gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Sienna Olivia – congratulations.

This letter contains information that many of you will already be aware of but hopefully it will come as a useful reminder.

Contact Details

From time to time it is necessary for us to contact you, especially if your child is unwell. To ensure we can do this it is important that we have your correct phone number and address. As always, if your contact details do change please let the office know immediately.

Photograph permissions

We will be using the photograph permission letters completed last year – if you wish to change your consent from anything on the completed form you must contact the school office.

Breakfast Club

School operates a breakfast club each morning. The Club opens at 7:45am Mon-Fri and costs £10 for the week. For further information contact school. **Could parents please remember to use the pedestrian gate on a morning and not the drive gate.** Thank you.

Prayers: We ask that you keep Mrs Dowd's family in your prayers, her niece was killed in a car accident last week. We are all obviously deeply shocked and saddened by the news.

*Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
 with the comfort of your love
 that they may face each new day
 with hope
 and the certainty that nothing can
 destroy
 the good that has been given.*

*May their memories become joyful,
 their days enriched with friendship,
 and their lives encircled by your
 love.*

Children walking home alone

Children in Years 5 & 6 are permitted to walk home alone with their parent's permission. If you would like your child to walk home alone, please read the letter that your child will be bringing home and put your permission in writing.

Date	Event
5/9/22	Training Day
6/9/22	Children's first day back
	String lessons start
7/9/22	1 st day for half Reception
8/9/22	All Reception in
7/9/22 & 9/9/22	Y6 parents help with high school forms
12/9/22	Start of year Mass
14/9/22	Parents info evening -English & Maths
20/9/22	Y3 scooter day
22/9/22	Buddy Assembly
26/9/22	Safeguarding/mindfulness week
30/9/22	MacMillan coffee morning
6/10/22	Harvest Assembly
21/10/22	School closes for half term
31/10/22	Training Day
1/11/22	School reopens for children
2/11/22 & 3/11/22	Parents evenings
7/11/22	Remembrance Assembly

Dates are subject to change. More details will be sent out for trips/events as they get closer.

Twitter

If you would like to join us on Twitter: @stnicholasleeds
 It's a really great way to see what your children have been doing through the day.

Clubs

Letters regarding any after school clubs will be sent out today.

This Half Term's Virtues are: Respect/Courtesy and Thankfulness

Child Protection

Just to remind you the staff in school with a lead responsibility for Child Protection/Safeguarding: Mrs Fox, Mrs Doherty, Miss Hills, Miss Pearson and Miss Dwyer. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about a child in school.

Uniform & Lost Property

The children have all returned to school looking very smart – thank you. Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and that the children have in door pumps and the correct PE kit in school. If any items are lost please speak to your child's class teacher.

Absence from School

If your child is ill, can I ask that you phone school before 9am (0113 293 0318) to let us know (an answer phone message can be left) alternatively an email - this will also suffice for a note when your child returns to school. The email address is dunleavy@stnicholasprimaryleeds.org.uk If we receive no notification from you we will endeavour to contact you, initially via text

The Wednesday Word

Each week a link to the Wednesday Word is put on the school website. This publication enables you to share the following weeks Sunday readings with your children. The purpose is to share the words of the gospels as a family, sharing family time and helping the children understand the meaning of the gospels. Please support your child by giving just a few minutes each week in reading the pamphlet together and following some of the suggested activities.

Carpark

Please note that the carpark is for staff only at all times of the day. Thank you.

Topic Leaflets will be sent home this week informing you briefly of the work your child will cover this term. Further information can be found on the school website.

Working together I'm sure we will have a happy and successful year. Have great week.

Education is our passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare it today. – Malcolm X

Yours sincerely
Mrs Burns
Head Teacher

School Lunches

All our meals must meet the Statutory Nutritional Standards and our kitchen staff, led by Donna Evans, take care of this. Lunches are provided on a menu system that gives the children daily choice and therefore cuts down on wastage. Menus are issued on a 3 week rolling program and are therefore currently set until February. Menus are available to view on the school website. Key Stage One children are now all eligible for universal free school meals.

Cost per week for Key Stage 2: £12:50

Parent Pay: We are working to becoming a cashless school. The majority of payments for trips, school dinners etc. now need to be made online using Parent Pay. If you have not set this up or need further information please contact Miss Musson in the school office.

Milk

A nutritious carton of milk is available for all the children in Reception right through to Year 6. If you have not already filled in your form requesting milk, please call into the school office and speak to Miss Dunleavy. There is a charge for the above unless your child is entitled to benefits related free school meal.

Praise Assembly

Praise Assembly usually takes place on a Friday at 3pm. This is an opportunity for us to share reward certificates and celebrate the successes of the children, including outside school awards such as swimming certificates. From **Friday 7th October** parents are welcomed back to join us in the hall for assembly, enter via the main entrance. We kindly ask that you refrain from chatting and using mobile phones during the assembly. Thank you.

Residential

If your child is in Year 4-6 you should now have received the letters regarding residential. Reminders about payments will be made periodically and a parents meetings will be held nearer the time.

High School

High School forms are out and the schools have their open night dates advertised. We will be holding sessions on **Wednesday 7th September 3-4pm and Friday 9th September at 9-10 am-** for any Year 6 parents who would like help completing the High school forms.