

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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Dear Parents

It felt a little strange having a bank holiday so early in the year but what an amazing spectacle the funeral and the processions were yesterday, we just need to try and remember what day of the week it is now! I saw this in twitter over the weekend and it brought a smile to my face:

I think we need to recognise the unsung heroes of [#TheQueue](#). Because we all know that a spectacle of this scale is only possible due to the hard work and dedication of primary school teachers who taught these people the true art of lining up sensibly. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Parents Information Evening:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the English and Maths information evenings last week, I hope you found the time useful. If you were unable to attend the information will be uploaded to the Class pages on the website by the end of the week.

Scooters:

Every September, Leeds City Council highlight the many benefits of scooting to school; 'Scooting is not only fun, it's also a sustainable mode of travel and a great way for pupils to be more active. Encouraging parents to leave the car at home so that children can scoot to school will help to ease congestion at the school gates and improve air quality.' The children in Year 3 today have had a great time with their scooter tuition, learning how to scoot safely.

Fruit: The school fruit tuck shop will be restarting on Thursday break time. Items of fruit are 20p each, children in Year 6 will be running the 'shop' and deciding with the children what fruits they would like to try.

Uniform: All children should now have a PE kit in school, which is left in their locker and sent home at intervals for washing. All children must have a pair of pumps to leave in school as well. More detailed information about the correct school uniform can be found on the school website, thank you for your cooperation.

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

dunleavyp@stnicholasprimaryleeds.org.uk

Date	Event
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**

Don't forget to sign up to our school Twitter account, it's a great way to see photos or quick pieces of information about activities and events happening in school - If you would like to join us on Twitter: [@stnicholasleeds](https://twitter.com/stnicholasleeds) It's a really great way to see what your children have been doing through the day.

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

Attendance Matters: Facts about irregular school attendance

Regular absences from school can affect:

- attainment levels - the quality of school work, qualifications gained
- school routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- the chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour a child or young person's general wellbeing and long term life opportunities
- improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally

Reception: All our Reception class are now settled beautifully into school enjoying their new learning environment. I am so proud of the first-class start they have all made with their learning and beginning their journey at St Nicholas.

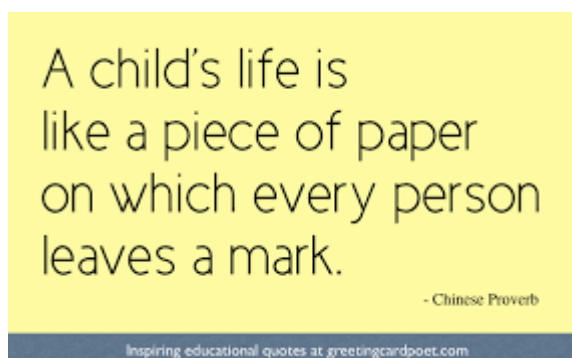
The Reception/Year 6 Buddy assembly is on 22nd September at 3pm, come along and join us.

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 require all maintained schools to open to educate their pupils for at least 190 days (380 sessions) in each school year.

Table 1 puts absence in the context of the day's children miss at school based on a school being opened for 190 days per year

Number of days absent	Equals attendance one school year
9.5 days	95%
19 days	90%
28.5 days	85%
38 days	80%
47.5 days	75%
57 days	70%
66.5 days	65%

Secondary School Admissions: The admission round for high schools is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31st 2022. Primary Admissions open on 1st November 2022.



Yours sincerely
Mrs Burns
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