

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Dates

Dear Parents

This week in school we are welcoming visitors from the Safeguarding Team at Leeds, their role is to carry out a Safeguarding Audit. Safeguarding in school is essential for keeping children safe. It means having: whole-school policies and procedures, staff and volunteers confident in identifying and raising concerns, leadership confident in responding to and referring concerns and working with other agencies to protect children. As I am sure you are aware we take Safeguarding very seriously and look forward to the Teams visit and feedback.

Take a look at our Twitter to see lots of Safeguarding & wellbeing events that went on around school last week.

Harvest Reminder: Our Harvest Assembly will be held on **Thursday 13th October** at 9.10am, please note this. As we have done in the last couple of years, we are going to share the harvest between St George's Crypt and the SVP in the parish. The Crypt helps about 200 homeless and needy people per day and relies on donations, the SVP support local families in the parish.

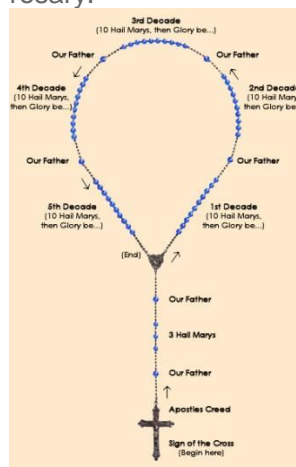
We would like the children to decorate a shoe box and fill it with food items e.g. sugar, tinned meat, coffee, biscuits (NO FRESH FOODS) and bring it to school by **Wednesday 12th October** ready for the assembly the following day. Just to give you an idea, the Crypt gets through 140 bags of sugar in a week!

Don't worry if you don't have time to decorate a shoe box- any food that you can spare will be very gratefully received. Thank you to those who have already donated.



Thank you to every one who joined us in school on Friday for the MacMillan Coffee morning and thank you also for those who supported financially and by providing buns. It was a lovely morning and as always, your generosity and kindness supporting those in need is amazing.

Praying the Rosary: October is traditionally the month of the rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October the 7th. Within school the children will have the opportunity at breaktimes to pray the rosary.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles Creed
2. Say the Our Father.
3. Say three Hail Marys.
4. Say the Glory be to the Father.
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the Our Father.
6. Say ten Hail Marys, while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the Glory be to the Father.
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the Our Father.
9. Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
10. After the Rosary: Pray the Hail Holy Queen.

| Date | Event |
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| 13/10/22 | Harvest Assembly |
| 14/10/22 | Times Table Rockstars relaunch |
| w/b | Reception Stay & plays |
| 17/10/22 | Maths drop ins |
| 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 (In person, in school) |
| 7/11/22 | Remembrance Assembly |
| 14/11/22 | Safeguarding week. |

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

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



A group of our Mini Vinnies had a special Mass with Bishop Marcus at the Cathedral last week.

The group is part of the **Society of St Vincent de Paul**. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need. 'Mini Vinnies' are children aged between 7 to 11 who, with the permission of their parents and the support of their Schools, are encouraged to embark on their first steps as possible 'Vincentians for life'. As Mini Vinnies, the youngsters have their own 'treasured' Prayer, Pledge and Badge, a dedicated website (www.minivinnies.org.uk/) and a range of bright and colourful documents which guide them in their formative steps – helping and enabling them to become in every sense, young Vincentians – or 'Mini Vinnies'. They will decide which worthy cause they would like to help each year and of course how they will do this.



The Importance of Times Tables: Many of us can remember learning multiplication and division as children. Chanting and reciting full sets as a class, revising the multiplication table at home with our parents; you might have even had a poster of them Blu-tacked to your bedroom wall.

The jump from knowing how to add and subtract numbers to becoming familiar with multiplication can feel large and complex. However, once mastered, it can become second nature to a child and is fundamental in day to day life.

As you know in school we subscribe to Time Tables Rockstars, these are a brilliant and fun way to learn times tables. On 14th October we are having a fun relaunch of them- a more detailed letter will follow.

High School Applications: for September 2023 A reminder to all parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 that the deadline for applications to high schools is **31st October 2022**.

Many of the high schools have been advertising the dates of their open day their websites including the local Catholic High Schools. We would always recommend that you take the time to visit schools that you are considering to help you to make an informed decision.

We would also like to remind you that if you are applying to Catholic high schools to complete and return the Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) to each individual school. The link for applications is below:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

High School Open Day and Open Evenings

The following Catholic High Schools have asked us to share the dates of their open days and open evenings:

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| Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School (Leeds) | Saturday 8th October 10:00am – 1:00pm |
| Corpus Christi Catholic High School High School (Leeds) | Thursday 6th October 5:00pm- 8:00pm |
| St John Fisher's Catholic High School (Harrogate) | Wednesday 5th October Contact: www.sjfchs.org.uk for further information |

God Bless

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