

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

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**Dates**

Dear Parents

I know it is a sign of getting old but I cannot believe how fast the first half term has gone! I feel like we have managed to cram an awful lot in this half term including- Buddy assembly, cycling, Harvest, stay and plays, English evening for parents, MacMillan coffee morning, dressing up as rockstar.....the list goes on!

**School closes on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3:30 for half term and reopens to children on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is a curriculum training day for the teachers)

**All children are expected to wear winter uniform after half term** and please make sure that you are sending them in with a coat. PE kits will be sent home this week for washing, please send them back into school on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe half term.

Date	Event
w/b 17/10/22	Reception Stay & plays
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.
2/12/22	Flu vaccinations

**Parents evening:** is taking place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. If you have not done so already please visit <https://stnicholasleeds.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. You will need to enter your email address, title, first name and surname. You will also need to enter your child's first name, surname and date of birth. Please note: you **MUST** enter your child's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate, and not their preferred name.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

**Booking closes at 4pm on 19<sup>th</sup> October**, times will be allocated after this, currently 78% of parents have booked.

The main purpose is for you to have a short discussion about how your child(ren) has settled into their class.

We are very happy to be doing face to face parents' meetings again after 2 years of COVID, appointments are 10 minutes long and we ask that you keep to those times in order that the evening runs smoothly. With this in mind we are using the bell again to help us keep to our time slots, please respect this. There will also be someone near the door ticking you off as you arrive, please try and arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time so that you don't miss your slot.

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

**Non Uniform:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October is **non-uniform**, in return for £1 cash donation.

**Curriculum:** We have another busy week with curriculum enhancements for some of our pupils- we have 13 of our Year 5 children going out to do some BMXing, Key Stage 1 will be taking part in an African drumming workshop and as usual the Cathedral Choir will be in for our children in Years 3 and 4. These activities and many more that we offer over the year are a fantastic way for children to explore different subjects or skills that are not covered within the curriculum. If a child finds something they develop a passion for, whether it be playing a new game or learning a musical instrument, this can help build confidence and self-esteem. We want the children at St Nicholas to experience a wide range of extra activities to help excite them about learning but also give them opportunities they may not otherwise get.

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

**Homework:** We have adapted the way homework is set this half term and the results have been fantastic – I wanted to share with you a few of the 'projects' that have come in so far, with themes such as The Great Fire of London, the Egyptians and Space, we have some very talented and creative children (and parents):



### Harvest Thank you



A big well done to our Year 2 children for their wonderful Harvest Assembly last week, they were all super stars! We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated Harvest gifts, you have been so generous. These gifts will be shared between St George's Crypt and the S.V.P.



Don't forget to change your clocks on the last weekend of half term- back 1 hour at 2am on Saturday-Sunday night, 30<sup>th</sup> October.

God Bless

Mrs Burns  
Head Teacher

**Times Table Rockstars:** What a fun relaunch TTRockstars was last Friday- the children and staff looked amazing, don't forget to logon and keep practicing!



**High School Applications:** for September 2022. 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 on 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>

