

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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Dates

Dear Parents

I wrote this letter a week ago and then was interrupted by the call from Ofsted. As you may know as a 'historic Outstanding school' – St Nicholas had not had an inspection since 2009. Much has changed in the process since then, in fact I believe there has been seven different inspection handbooks since then, all very different and more challenging than the first. School has changed dramatically in the seven years I have been Head Teacher, but one thing has remained the same, your children- they make working here a pleasure and were fabulous during the inspection process. They are an absolute credit to each and every one of you, thank you. And thank you for all your support not only during the inspection (the inspectors had the opportunity to speak to a number of you when you were visiting last week) but your ongoing support. The publishing of the report is a slow process and the final document may not be available until January. We continue to strive to provide the best education and experiences for your children, regardless of whether Ofsted have visited or not.

Our School Virtue for the next half term we will be focusing on our school virtue of patience:

Why Practice Patience? When you are patient you can wait without complaining. Often when we are aiming to achieve a goal we need to be patient with ourselves and others to fulfill our hopes and dreams. When we are patient with others we work with God to build them up and give them confidence to keep going. When you are patient with yourself you build your capacity to grow in love and knowledge of God.

How do we Practice Patience? You practice patience when you can wait calmly and accept things that you cannot control, knowing all things are in God's hands. You are calm with others. You rely on God to give you the strength to be patient with yourself and others. You try to understand other points of view and will listen attentively to others.

Parents Evening: Our first face-to-face parents' evenings in over 2 years took place last week, we hope you enjoy getting inside school again and hearing how well your children have settled back into school. I am so proud of every single child within school for their resilience, determination and perseverance. I look forward to seeing this continue to blossom over this half term. Well done and a continued thank you to our parents for your loyal support.

Dates up until Christmas can be found at the end of this letter, more details will be sent about events shortly.

Mass: On Tuesday 2nd November, the staff and children in school attended Mass, including Reception for the first time, to celebrate the special Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints Day. On All Saints Day, we honour all of the saints in heaven. The children all showed exemplary behaviour during Mass. We are working with the children to learn the responses better during Mass, when you attend church at the weekends can you also encourage them to follow the order of service cards to get them more familiar with the replies.

Admissions to Reception class for September

2023: Applications are now welcome from any prospective parents whose children are eligible to join our school in September 2023.

Applications need to be made in **two forms:** completing the online form on the Leeds City Council website, and additionally completing the school's SIF (Supplementary Information Form) and handing this via e-mail or paper to Miss Dunleavy in the school office.

The closing date is January 15th 2023. Please pass on this information to any parents who may have children who wish to attend next school year. I will be holding meetings for prospective parents by bookings only. Please e-mail the school office to book one of my tours this half term.

This Half Term's Virtues are: Patience

After School Club/Childcare Provider: You will be aware that for quite some time we have been exploring options for an After-School Club/Child Care provider and we are really pleased to say we have finally got one! Many of you will have spoken to Hollie at parents evening regarding this, the information can be seen on the leaflet. If you are interested please email the address provided, I know several of you have already done so which is great. As it is a private provider and not run directly by school they need to register with Ofsted separately and they then need to come out to school, once this is done the club can begin.



7 in 7: Inspired by Rob Burrow, Doddie Weir, Stephen Darby and other people living with MND, Kevin Sinfield will once again attempt an [epic challenge](#) to raise money to support the fight against MND. Kevin will run from Edinburgh to Manchester via Melrose, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, York, Leeds and Bradford in seven days running over 60km per day. **His route should be passing St Nicholas on Friday – we plan to take the children around the perimeter fence to cheer him on, he is truly inspirational.**

Uniform Reminder: All children should now be wearing the winter uniform, this includes a school tie for everybody, every day, see below. It is also important that children bring a coat as we try to get them outside every breaktime. Thank you for your cooperation.

Boys

Maroon knitted jumper with school badge
School tie
White shirt
Grey trousers
Grey tailored shorts can be worn in the Summer term
White polo shirt with school badge can be worn in the Summer term

Winter



Summer



Girls

Maroon knitted jumper or cardigan with school badge
School tie
White shirt
Grey skirt/culottes or pinafore
Grey tailored trousers - Jeans and lycra trousers/leggings are **not** permitted
Red and white gingham check dresses can be worn in the Summer term

Winter



Summer



P.E kit for boys and girls consists of:
Plain black tee shirts (all classes)
Plain black shorts (all classes)

Maroon PE Bag kept in school with PE kit

ALL CHILDREN WEAR BLACK PUMPS IN SCHOOL





Dates Until Christmas

W/b 14/11/22	Anti- Bullying Week d:side- Internet Safety KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week Reception & KS1
16/11/22	Reading Café for KS1 8:20-8:40am
w/b 21/11/22	Walk to school launch
23/11/22	Reading Café for Lower KS2 8:20-8:40am
30/11/22	Reading Café for Upper KS2 8:20-8:40am
1/12/22	Christingle led by Y5/6, 2:30pm
2/12/22	Flu Immunisations
3/12/22	Table Top Sale in school hall 10am-2pm All Welcome
5/12/22	Reception Nativity 10am Key Stage 1 Nativity 2:30pm
6/12/22	Feast Day of St Nicholas, non-uniform Assembly led by Y4 9:10am
7/12/22	Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am Reception Nativity 2:30pm
9/12/22	Herd Farm Parents meeting (Y4), 3:30pm
12/12/22	End of term Mass 9am
13/12/22	Class Christmas Parties
14/12/22	Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper day
16/12/22	Christmas sing-a-long 9:10am all welcome School closes at 1:15pm for Christmas holiday
3/1/22	School Reopens

God Bless

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