

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Virtue: Generosity

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week it has been at St Nicholas! In last Sunday's Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus reminds his disciples that true discipleship means putting love of him, and love of others, above ourselves - and that even the smallest act of kindness, *'whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones,'* will not go unrewarded. It is a message we have seen lived out so vividly this week: in our older children caring for our youngest, in the generosity of families supporting our Mini Vinnies Can Appeal, and in children beginning to dream about the people they might one day become during Careers Week. Small acts, offered freely and with love, really do make all the difference.

Before we share this week's news, a quick apology: due to a technical mix-up, our last newsletter did not reach your inboxes as intended. We're sorry for any confusion this may have caused. As a number of items in it are still very relevant, I have included a short catch-up below alongside all of this week's news.

Catching Up From Last Time

Our rescheduled Sports Day was a glorious, sun-filled triumph, and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Rail Safety Trip, learning to stay safe on and around the railway. We were also delighted to share that the school's recent Safeguarding Audit by the Leeds Safeguarding Team was outstanding, with many areas judged 'exemplary' - a wonderful reflection of how hard our staff work to keep your children safe. With the warm weather continuing, please do keep sending your child in with sun cream applied, a sun hat and a named water bottle - more on that below!

A Career Week to Remember

Careers Week was a huge success from start to finish! A particular highlight was Takeover Day, when our Year 6 pupils stepped into some very important shoes - we had brilliant Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers running the school with real confidence, alongside budding office administrators and grounds staff who took their responsibilities extremely seriously (and did an excellent job!). Throughout the week, children arrived dressed as their dream job, and it was a joy to see so many doctors, engineers, footballers, artists and archaeologist's filling our corridors. We are enormously grateful to the many parents and members of our community who gave up their time to come in and talk to the children about their careers - your generosity gave our children a real window into the opportunities that lie ahead of them, and it would not have been the success it was without you.

Living Out Our Faith: The Can Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy Team have been busy organising our Can Appeal this week, and the response from our school family has been nothing short of amazing. Seeing our children collect and sort donations with such care and enthusiasm has been a beautiful example of Catholic Social Teaching in action - our children truly understanding what it means to serve those in our wider community who need it most. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Catenian Cup Success

Our footballers did St Nicholas proud at this year's Catenian Cup, hosted by St Theresa's. In glorious sunshine, our team played some really entertaining football and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, representing our school with real credit against Catholic schools from across the Diocese. Well done to all involved - go on, St Nicholas!

Keeping Cool in the Heat

Last week's heat brought its challenges, and we want to reassure you that we followed Leeds City Council and DfE guidance closely throughout, going over and above to keep the children cool, hydrated and safe - including adapting break times, providing extra water and shade, and keeping a close eye on anyone who needed extra support. Next week is looking set to be another warm one, so please could we ask, once again, that your child comes to school with sun cream already applied, a sun hat and a named water bottle. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable.

A Wonderful Buddy Assembly

Our Reception children led a truly heart-warming Buddy Assembly this week, thanking their Year 6 Buddies for looking after them so wonderfully all year. It was a real joy to see just how strong the bond between our oldest and youngest pupils has become, and how much each and every child treasures their Buddy relationship. A lovely reminder of the kindness and community that make St Nicholas so special.

Meeting New Teachers

This week our children have been meeting their new teachers for September - an important and exciting step in the transition to a new school year. We were absolutely delighted by the turnout at our Reception to Year 1 transition meeting, with so many parents joining us to hear more about what life in Year 1 will look like. Thank you for your engagement and support as we prepare your children for the next stage of their journey.

Year 6 Production - Get Ready!

Year 6 are busy behind the scenes rehearsing for their end of year production, and excitement is building! Further information about tickets has already been sent home - if you haven't yet received this, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Reception	Mrs Doherty Mrs Naylor Mrs Smith Cottle
Year 1	Mr Coimbra (Supported by Mrs Fox)
Year 1/2	Mrs Littlewood
Year 2	Miss Causey
Year 3	Miss Kavanagh
Year 3/4	Miss Chatt
Year 4	Miss Mountain
Year 5	Miss Newland
Year 5/6	Miss Hayden
Year 6	Miss Pearson (supported by Miss McAndrew)

Key Dates

Y5/6 Production: Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July

Reports out: Friday 10th July

Informal drop-in: Tuesday 14th July, 3:40 - 4:15pm

Leavers' Mass: Tuesday 14th July 9:15am in Church

Leavers' Assembly & Party: Wednesday 15th July – Assembly 9:15am

Last Day of Term: Friday 17th July - close at 1:15pm

As ever, thank you for your continued support and for the wonderful community we share at St Nicholas. We wish you all a restful and sunny weekend.

God Bless

Mrs J. Burns, Headteacher

Prayer Intentions

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition... present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

At St Nicholas, we value taking time to pray, reflect and be still. We warmly invite you to share your prayer intentions with our school community by scanning the QR code below. Every intention will be placed in our Prayer Intention Box and prayed for during our daily Celebration of the Word.

