



Love, live and learn with Jesus Christ.

26th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

God Who Speaks

This Sunday we enter the season of Advent. It is a challenge to keep the Lord as our focus during such a busy time of year. It can be easy to become distracted by the cares of life and the frivolities of Christmas. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Advent is a season of watching, waiting and preparing for the Lord.

"Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Luke 21

Wednesday Word

Please follow this link to enjoy this week's Wednesday Word as a family:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=45.9>

Feast of St Nicholas

On Monday 6th December we will celebrate the feast of our Patronal Saint, Nicholas. You are more than welcome to join us for Mass in Church at 10am. Children are invited to wear a red item with their uniform (hair band, jumper, socks etc.) in honour of St Nicholas.

This will be a particularly special day for our Year 4 pupils who will attend Mass in their First Holy Communion clothes. Year 4 parents have had separate communication from Mrs Noble-Barton about this.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity play

A communication has gone out today regarding the process for obtaining tickets for this event. Please note that there is a maximum of four tickets per family.

Guitar concert for parents

On Friday 10th December at 2pm there will be a short (20-30mins) concert to showcase the progress made by children who have been having guitar lessons at school. This includes all of Year 4. This does not affect assembly which will still begin at 2.45pm.

Amazon wish list - reading books

Thanks to parents who have purchased a book from our wish list - we are very grateful for your support in our effort to make reading a priority! If you would still like to make a purchase, here are the links. There was a problem with the Y5 link, but this one is correct.

Reception - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/bKqtcG1?ref=wl_share

Y1 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/3WVt24I?ref=wl_share

Y2 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/cVg2MFo?ref=wl_share

Y3 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/iDr7P2Y?ref=wl_share

Y4 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/3ybOskH?ref=wl_share

Y5 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/OCm8RhB?ref=wl_share

Y6 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/3lg03Iw?ref=wl_share

If parents would like to download the cursive font at home, you can follow this link.

https://www.wfonts.com/font/boring-joined#google_vignette

Phonics Links

Reception- 'h' 'sh' 'r' 'j'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vdib6jnA/s2KTQqbs>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4dOsvpge/70STiJ94>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/01ia3db2/xYfJximf>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OSzAVXnz/bLLNuyXw>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ydxfeho/lrP4n6IZ>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9x6cXPUJ/tqykDUNP>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9x6cXPUJ/tqykDUNP>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WBSQmqBu/2sW5o0dV>

Green Group- 'igh'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wq3eUOMw/TAniQazE>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/t4Wn6znf/sfc4oyLz>

Yellow group- 'ar' recap

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QgfI5Xg1/CqfC0I3E>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7kWwIwYk/RMKHm1Xz>

Blue group- 'o-e' recap

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hQnMo4TC/98X2x6jL>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TSUXEf4I/PSX8z3U8>

Grey group- 'ew' 'u-e'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5iFre1eP/A0lvk7ec>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eLoNtLPf/Wduk6Sh2>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JCKhMOUS/sdisRxEI>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SDKO4w71/aigTHugQ>

Safeguarding in football

Does your child play football for a club outside of school?

Last weekend, the Football Association and the NSPCC launched 'Play Safe', a national campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding in football. At the heart of the campaign are three short films to emphasise the importance of safeguarding for key groups of people, crucially children themselves.

One aspect of the campaign is prompting parents to ask questions:

- Do you know your child's club Welfare Officer?
- If so, do you have their tel no. in your 'phone, as well as that of the NSPCC?
- Are you up to speed with your child's club's safeguarding policies and procedures?
- Do you regularly check-in with your child to see what they are enjoying/not enjoying and why?

More information can be found here: <https://www.thefa.com/PlaySafe>

Internet safety

Unfortunately, we have had reports of children coming across the online 'challenge' Momo. It's important to note that new 'challenges' and 'games' are arising on the internet all the time. Please see the attached guide, created by National Online Safety which gives information on the 'Momo challenge' and offers advice on talking to children about making safe decisions online.

National Online Safety offers free weekly parental guides on various online topics. Please click the link below;

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Recent Sport

Catholic Schools boys 5-a-side

Well done the boys 5-a-side team who took part in the Catholic Schools Tournament last week at Goals, Star City. After winning their group without losing a game, they were very narrowly defeated by St Dunstan's in the final. They performed with skill and honesty throughout and were great ambassadors for the school.

Y3/4 Multi Skills

Well done also to the Y3/4 multi skills team who took part in the Sutton Schools competition at Bishop Vesey's school last week. The team of 8 pupils finished just outside the medals but gave their all in every event and thoroughly enjoyed the whole competition.

Dates

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| 30th November | Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Midlands Arts Centre |
| 23rd-26th November | Year 3 swimming |
| 30th Nov-3rd December | Year 3 swimming |
| 6th December | Feast of St Nicholas - Mass at 10am in church - wear a red item |
| 6th December | Y4 celebration of FHC day - official p/graphers in school |
| 9th December | Virtual SEN coffee morning - (Please contact the office) |
| 9th December | PFA Christmas Disco straight after school |
| 10th December | Guitar Concert - 2pm |
| 14th & 15th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity play - ticket only |

God bless,

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Mrs Noble-Barton
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