



15.9.2023

Dear Parents,

**Celebration Assembly** - On Fridays we have a whole school Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to have our new Reception class with us this morning. Each class takes it in turns to celebrate work and share examples of how children have been living out the school values. This morning it was particularly wonderful to hear the children explaining to the rest of school what they had been working on during the week.

### **Label, Label, Label**

We already have some lost property and because it is not labelled it is not easily returned. Anything your child may take off or put down **MUST** be labelled.

### **Tiny Library**

Please feel free to take a book from the shelves of our tiny library by the school entrance.

### **Parents' Evenings**

This term we will be having our first Parents' Evening of the year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Booking instructions will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

### **Reception Class**

Well done to our Reception class who all entered through the gate today to join children on the playground. They have all settled in to the new routines so well.

### **Pencil Cases and Stationery**

Please check what your child is bringing into school and just a reminder that no scissors, sharpeners or other sharp objects should be brought into school.

### **Start of Year Mass**

Next Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September Fr Paul will be in school for our first Mass of the year at 9:15am. You are most welcome to join us.

### **Morning Drop Off**

St Nicholas have asked us to try to speed up the flow of traffic on the campus in the morning as the queues are holding up their staff coming to work. I have said that it is down to us starting ten minutes earlier and our new children settling in.

There are things you can do to help us though:

- Pull up closely to the car in front when dropping off so we can have four cars dropping off at a time. If you are the first inline, pull up past the start of the grass
- Try not to get out of the car with your children as it slows up the traffic
- Put bags, coats and belongings in the car rather than the boot, so you don't have to get out

- If you need to get out of your car with your child, please park up in either the disabled spaces or just through the gates so the traffic can keep moving. Be careful crossing the gates

### **Pick up at 3pm**

Thank you to all the parents who have either parked off site or who have bought tickets for the car park. Keeping the front of school free as an overflow for blue badge holders is really important as on Tuesday I counted twelve cars with blue badges and due to the vigilance of the staff, they could all park easily.

Just a reminder that if you are parking at the front to collect Pre School children you need to have moved your car before 3pm, you cannot leave it there while you pick up school age children.

There are still a small number of parents who are ignoring the staff on the gate to park at the front. This shows a complete lack of respect for the staff and for the majority of parents who follow the rules.

### **Reading Books, KS2 Diaries and Homework Books**

Your child will be bringing home reading books and for the older children, homework books. We spend a lot of money on these items and we'd be grateful if you would remind your child that they need looking after. They need to be in a waterproof bag or book bag and kept away from water bottles. If your child loses or damages these items, there will be a charge for replacements.

### **Water Bottles**

All children need to bring a water bottle to school and take it home for a wash each day. Please remember that bottles should contain water, not flavoured water or juice.

### **Cluster Sport Events**

Next week the Cluster Sport events begin again hosted by St Nicholas. All the feeder Primary Schools are invited and they are great fun. We begin with Year 5/6 Girls' Football. We'll let you know how we get on.

God Bless you and your families.

**Justine McEniff Headteacher**