



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### ***Our Value this half term is Truthfulness***

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We have lots of news to share with you all this week!

These children are our **Values Champions** for the first half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of Forgiveness. Congratulations to all of you.

**Reception:** Esmaj; **Y1:** Amelia; **Y2:** Rebecca; **Y3:** Isaiah; **Y4:** Emily; **Y5:** Lordina; **Y6:** Zackary-Kai.



Year 4 will be running our annual **Mother's Day Stall** next week on **Thursday 7th March**.

Donations of gifts or gift bags suitable for the sale would be very much appreciated and can be handed in to the Office on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March. Many thanks.

Gifts will be priced from £1 - £3 and children will visit the stall in small groups from their classes during the day. Please send in correct change in a named envelope. Money raised will be donated to a charity decided by Y4.

#### ***Achievements***

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Concentration**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Jamie & Kaison; **Y1:** Yasmin & Etienn; **Y2:** Matteo & Ethan; **Y3:** William, Alfie & Ciara; **Y4:** Damaris; **Y5:** Hunter; **Y6:** Emmanuel.

Next week we will be focusing on *Questioning*.

#### ***Sporting Achievements.***

A few matches have been postponed due to the heavy rain this week but the teams are looking forward to more fixtures next week.

#### ***House points***

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

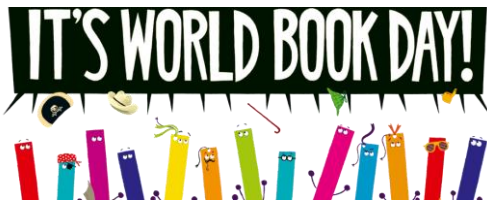
The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Francis:	1837
St Clare:	1806
St Andrew:	1802
St Catherine:	1781

*Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins*



**New Football Kit.** We had some special guests in our last worship before half term. Former Arsenal player, Ian Allinson came to talk to Key Stage 2 and to present the school with new football kit for the boys' and girls' teams. Ishmael and Aaron from KC Sports, Stevenage who have donated the kit to us came too, along with Mrs Farrow, our wonderful governor who organised it all! The children really enjoyed hearing from Ian and the teams are looking forward to wearing their strips. Many thanks to all our visitors for the stories and fabulous kit!



We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and we're gearing up for some fun.

On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, your child can **come to school wearing their comfiest pyjamas** as we are celebrating the power of a bedtime story and reading for pleasure.

### **Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family**

*"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. Psalm 52:8*

**School Meals.** Due to increased labour and food costs, the price of School Meals will be going up after Easter. Nursery meals will stay at £2.85 per meal.

Key Stage 1 meals will continue to be free of charge to parents.

Key stage 2 meals will be going up to **£3.40** per meal.

If parents are on certain benefits then your child may be entitled to free school meals so please register to check if you are eligible at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**Break time snacks** A reminder that children in Years 3-6 should only be bringing healthy snacks in for break time like fruit and raw vegetables, not crisps and chocolate. A reminder too not to send nuts please as we are a nut free school. Thank you.

**Nearly New Uniform** If you would like any nearly new uniform, please e-mail the Office on [admin@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk) and we can see if we have what you are looking for.



**Looking to set up a new digital device for your child?** Answer a few questions about your children's digital habits [here](#) to receive a free tailored toolkit packed full of resources and ideas to keep them safe online.

We know how popular **Roblox** is, so [here](#) is a privacy and security checklist you may find useful which include details on setting up parental controls, reporting and blocking users.



We will be selling Charlie Chicks in school from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for the Garden House Hospice. They cost £1.50 each. If you would like your child to buy one, please send the correct change in with them in a named envelope or you can come to the Office to buy one yourself after school. Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day Stall. Please send in correct change in a named envelope if you would like your child to buy something (£1-£3).
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Wear pyjamas for World Book Day.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Easter Journey.
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – PTA AGM in Y6 classroom. Please note the **NEW DATE**.
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Back to School
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Class photos