



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

10th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely welcoming the children back this week. We have had an amazing first week back and it has been wonderful to finally have a start to term without 'bubbles' after so long. We have been able to enjoy our first assemblies in the hall and it was fantastic to hear the whole school singing together in person rather than online. They sound incredible and have already started learning songs in preparation for Harvest! It is also lovely to see the children playing together at playtime and lunchtime and eating lunch in their Key Stages. We really have missed being together like this as a school community.

The reception children have settled in so quickly and it is great to see them enjoying the outdoor area and learning the different routines in school. Thank you to all the parents who joined Mrs Smith and myself for the Welcome breakfast, it was so lovely to meet you all. Also, thank you for your support in making drop off and the one way system at the end of the day run smoothly. Apologies for the confusion at the end of the day about pick up times. Again, it seems such a long time since we had a normal end to the day. The collection times on a Friday are 3.00pm for KS1 and 3.05pm for KS2.

Teachers have been busy arranging welcome meetings so you can come along to find out about life in your child's class this year. The dates are below so please do try to come along. It will be lovely having parents and carers back in school again but please can you wear a mask when inside the school building. Covid numbers are still quite high in our area and we need to continue to be careful to keep everyone safe.

Mrs Smith will be in school on Monday and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Have a fabulous weekend.

Kind regards

Kirsty Biss

Year 3

Mrs Biss will not be teaching Year 3 Avon Class in the afternoons whilst Mrs Smith is at Bathampton school. The class will be taught by Mrs Mason, Mrs MJ and Mrs Hinkley (Tone class-Year 3) and have their PE sessions taught by our experienced sports coach, Matt. Mr Low will continue to teach them every morning and is the point of contact for any questions.



We have had an amazing start to the new term with attendance this week at **98.21%**. If your child is late for school, please bring them to the office, giving a reason for the lateness. All absence should be reported to the office by phone and leaving a message along with the reason. We are unable to authorize the absence if we do not have a message.

Welcome Meetings

Parents and Carers are invited into school to meet their child's class teacher and learn about the routines and events in the new year group. We look forward to seeing you. These meetings start straight after school at **3.35/4.40pm** and last for approximately 30 minutes.

Year R: Meeting date to be confirmed

Year 1: Thursday 30th September

Year 2: Monday 27th September

Year 3: Wednesday 15th September
(Tone classroom)

Year 4: Tuesday 28th September

Year 5: Thursday 16th September
(Severn classroom)

Year 6: Tuesday
21st September

Please wear a mask whilst inside school and attending a meeting.



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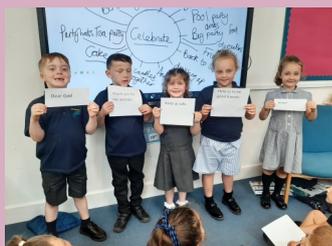
School Dinners Please book your child's dinner via ParentPay. You need to select the choice of meal your child wants. We have a rolling program of three weeks and next Monday will be week 2. This needs to be done 48hrs before the day meals are required.

Bookbags These need to be purchased through ParentPay at a cost of £3.50. When we receive your order we will give to your child. Children need to bring their bookbag to school every day.

Please ensure you activate your account. If you are having any problems with ParentPay please call the office and speak to Jane.

Our Values

We have been busy writing our new class prayers. The children worked hard to include our school values and they also did some lovely pictures to decorate the class prayer area.



Sunflowers

We are so pleased to see the amazing efforts the children have put into growing their sunflowers over the summer. Thank you to everyone who has sent in a picture—they look fantastic! Keep a look out for the giant ones that have grown in school!

There is still time to send in photos of you with your sunflowers, so please get all entries in by next Friday and we will give out prizes for the best.

Happy gardening!



Uniform and Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform along with a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear. All children need to bring their P.E. kit into school. This needs to include trainers. We suggest they bring it in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. They will be sent home every night for cleaning. Children are not allowed to bring squash into school, only water.



Dropping off and Picking up Your Children

Drop off will continue to be in the car park between 8.35am and 8.45am.

Children in years 1-5 should be picked up from their classrooms following the one way route.

Reception children from their outdoor area and Year 6 from the back gate.

Pick-up Mon-Thur for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.30pm

Friday **3:00pm**

Years 3,4, and 5 3.35pm Mon-Thur and **Fri 3:05pm**

Year 6 Mon 4:30pm, Tue-Thur 3:35pm and **Fri 3:05pm**

Apologies for the confusion with pick up time on Friday. It seems a long time since we had a 'normal' end to the day!

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021-2022 Academic Year

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 6 th September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17 th December 2021
TERM 3	
Start::	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Finish:	Friday 18 th February 2022
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 28 th February 2022
Finish:	Friday 8 th April 2022
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 25 th April 2022
Finish:	Friday 27 th May 2022
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 6 th June 2022
Finish:	Friday 22 nd July 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Tuesday January 4 th 2022
	Monday January 24 th 2022