

St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

Lockdown 3 26th February 2021

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful sunny week it has been—it has been great to enjoy some sunshine and knowing that Spring is definitely on the way.

I hope that you are all safe and well and have managed to enjoy the half term break. It has been so lovely to have our bubbles back in school this week and see everyone else engaging in their online lessons. Thank you all for your continued support with online learning— it has been fantastic. The children are doing so well and are brilliant at using Google Classrooms. The afternoon sessions are a wonderful celebration of the work that they have achieved throughout the day as well as a great time to play some fun games with their class.

As you will be aware, on Monday it was announced that schools would be returning on the 8th March. We are all extremely excited to welcome everyone back and cannot wait for the school to be full of their happy voices and cheery smiles again. We are busy preparing for the children's return and look forward to our incredible community being reunited again (in bubbles of course!). Next week we will send out reminders about dropping off and collecting children from school and any other changes. We look forward to seeing everyone next week for the last week of online learning.

Many of you seem to be enjoying setting '100 challenges' and we have been completing some challenges within our bubbles at school. Please keep posting your 100 challenges on our Facebook page—we love to hear how you are doing.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Nicki

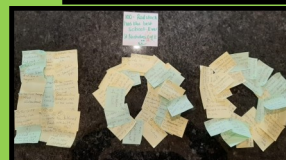
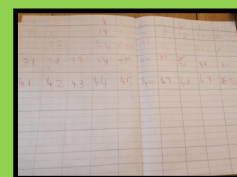
Challenge 100 in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore *'Tomorrow will be a good day'*



We have been so impressed with the children who have started their own '100 Challenge'.
What will you try next? This week's highlights have included:

- Children in school passing a basketball 100 times
- Children in school shooting 100 baskets
- Mrs Mason found out 100 amazing facts about Radstock
- Mrs Smith in Year 5/6 has walked 100km
- Children in school doing 100 star jumps (in two stages!)
- Joseph and Henry are completing 100 trampoline flips
- Harry is completing 100 burpees
- Poppy is writing her numbers to 100
- Amilia building a Lego tower with 100 bricks
- Amy and Lily doing 100 star jumps
- Jack doing 100 bounces on a trampoline
- Mrs Wilkinson found out 100 facts about mining.
- Miss Hinchliffe ran 100km

Log in to Parent Pay if you would like to make a donation to the Captain Tom Foundation.



Remember to post any of your 100 challenges on our school Facebook page.

Reminders about school dress code

As we shall be returning on March the 8th, just a few reminders about school dress code:

- All children to return in school uniform
- Hair longer than shoulder length to be tied back with simple navy bands or clips.
- One simple stud can be worn in each ear.
- No extreme hair styles or cuts (mohicans, undercuts, grade one shaved etc)
- No dyed or highlighted hair
- No nail varnish, false nails, make-up or tattoos.

For full details please see our uniform policy on the school website

Brighter Days Ahead

I am sure many of you will have seen this post which has been on social media but with schools returning on 8th March there are definitely brighter days ahead and we thank you for your continued support.

February ✨ by the end of the month the sun won't set until 5.41pm
By the end of March it will be 7.37pm
April 8.30pm
May 9.17pm
June 9.34pm.....there are brighter days ahead 🌅



Please Help Us Keep the Community Safe

- Please keep your distance in the car park and wear a mask.
- Please ensure that you go off site as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your children.
- When on site please ensure you stay two metres away from everyone.
- Please keep all of your children with you at all times.
- Please ensure you enter and leave via the correct gate.

Next week, we will send out reminders about procedures for when the whole school returns on March 8th

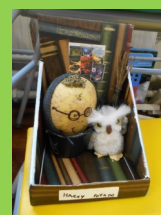
World Book Day 2021

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4 MARCH 2021

One of our favourite days of the year is fast approaching and we are not going to let lockdown get in the way of celebrating our love of reading and books!

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March and this year we are going to ask children to get creative at home to join in the fun. We'd like you to celebrate your favourite book or book character in any way you'd like, and send us the pictures so we can put them on the website. Possible ideas might include:

- Creating a model or painting of a scene or character from your favourite book. You could use a potato to create a character like we have done in previous years or make a scene inside a shoe box.
- Create a life sized scene from a story in your house or garden.
- Add a new picture, chapter or character to your favourite story. You could use some of the amazing draw along videos online to help.



Staff will be adding more links and ideas onto the online classrooms next week. Please post all of your amazing activities on our Facebook page—we would love to see them.

Our online attendance for Google Classrooms was 79% during week 6! That's amazing, thank you so much for helping the children to get online!

Keeping Everyone Safe Online

- Make sure you are dressed appropriately for the classroom (no pyjamas or dressing gowns).
- Try to sit at a desk, table or workspace where you can write neatly and carefully.
- Don't move around while on camera—it can distract other children.
- Only use the class stream and chat function to answer questions that the teacher has asked or to ask something relevant to the learning.
- Don't change your screen background during the lesson. It is distracting for others.

Parents, please remember...

- You can be seen by the whole class—please refrain from smoking or vaping in view of the children.
- Please adults watch your language—everyone can hear you!
- Please do not advertise on your child's google messaging service. As a school we do not endorse any products and are disappointed that this has happened.
- Please try to avoid letting the children eat whilst in lessons - it's very distracting for the rest of the class.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

TERM 1	2020-2021 Academic Year
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2020 Tuesday 2 September 2020
Start:	Wednesday 3 September 2020
Finish:	Friday 23 October 2020
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 2 November 2020
INSET DAY	Friday 20 November 2020
Finish:	Friday 18 December 2020
TERM 3	
INSET DAY	Monday 4 January 2021
Start:	Tuesday 5 January 2021
INSET DAY	Monday 25 January 2021
Finish:	Friday 12 February 2021
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 22 February 2021
Finish:	Thursday 1 April 2021
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 19 April 2021
Finish:	Friday 28 May 2021
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 7 June 2021
Finish:	Wednesday 21 July 2021

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2021-2022 Academic Year

TERM 1	
Start:	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 1 st November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17 th December 2021
TERM 3	
Start::	Tuesday 4 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