



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

10th July 2020

'Yes this storm will pass but we will inhabit a different world'
Yuval Noah Harai

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all continue to be in good health.

It is difficult to believe that next week brings the end of the academic year—the weather hasn't helped as it feels more like January than July! I am sorry that it is ending in the way it is but am delighted that September will start to return to normal.

We are so looking forward to seeing the children next week and catching up with them. Many of you have been asking about the start and finish times for next year. They will be as follows;

ALL pupils in years 1 to 6 should arrive at school between 8.35 and 8.45. They should queue either on their own or with ONE adult socially distanced down the footpath. At 'the line' pupils will need to say their goodbyes and go into their playground through the gate indicated by the staff. Please make sure you have spoken to your child about this change before the start of term. Parents will then need to cross the car park and exit via the other pedestrian gate. When you bring your children next week a similar system will be running so it will help you understand what it will be like in September. At the end of the day you will again queue and pupils will exit via a number of different exits, either the hall, KS 1 playground, year 6 exit or main gate. Again staff will be on hand to indicate where people should go. Finish times will be as follows;

	Monday	Tuesday to Thursday	Friday
Reception	3.20pm	3.20pm	2.45pm
Year 1 and 2	3.30pm	3.30pm	2.55pm
Year 3 and 4	3.40pm	3.40pm	3pm
Year 5	3.45pm	3.45pm	3.10pm
Year 6	4.30pm	3.45pm	3.10pm

You will notice that on a Monday we have extended the day for year 6, this will be for the whole year and will form part of our 'catch up' programme to ensure that the children are properly prepared for their end of year tests and ready for secondary school. This will be timetabled lessons so it is key that they attend. We will run an after school club on Mondays for siblings of year 6 for parents who would rather not pick up twice. Please could parents who wish to use this service phone the office

and let them know as the timings will start from day 1 of term. I am sure that you will support us in our decision and applaud the staff for their dedication to helping your children to catch up.

At this time only basket ball clubs will be running but we hope to increase this as the year goes on. We are delighted to be able to take the reins for teaching your children back but, we still need your help. Being in school every day, arriving on time, practising reading every night, learning spellings, number bonds and times-tables will be so important to ensuring everyone reaches their potential.

I have had to make the decision to push the Current Year 6 leavers day back to the 17th October in the hope that by then we will be allowed parents into school. I am so sorry about this—if by then we are still not allowed gatherings we will have the children back and live stream the service and have a meal with the children. Lets hope that by then we will be allowed at least to have the service and a meal.

Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe,

Best wishes,
Nicki

September - The new Normal

- There will be no assemblies, no concerts and no large gatherings. We will have virtual worship each day.
- From year 3 upwards we are expected to and will be constantly reminding pupils about keeping social distance and with the younger children will be given reminders about trying to keep a distance.
- The strict timetables for hand washing and cleaning will remain and pupils so pupils from year 2 upwards will be taught to clean down their desks at certain times of the day.
- We will continue to employ a cleaner on site to constantly clean the toilets and door handles etc.
- Parents will not be able to come into school and will need appointments to speak to the teachers, our communication books will be key to us all keeping in contact.
- We will be able to take the children on visits so staff have started to look at booking these for next term—at the moment we are focussing on the trips that are mainly outdoors!
- Reading books will be changed on set days and books will then be wiped down and quarantined.
- Attendance at school will be compulsory and fines will be re-instated for families who choose to go on holiday during term time.
- There will be no contact sport but PE will restart and pupils will need PE kit in school.
- Pupils who have any symptoms of COVID 19 will be isolated and sent home—we will follow PHE guidance at the time as to what we should then do.
- Schools will be required to have a 'lockdown' remote education plan—parents may want to consider whether the next birthday present for their child is a laptop! It is likely that schools may have to suddenly close should there be a COVID 19 outbreak in the locality. The education plan will centre around continuing education using on-line resources and the use of Google classrooms.

End of Term Tuesday 14th July.

In order to give **all** pupils the opportunity to say goodbye to their teacher from this year and hello to their new teacher the school year will end for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Tuesday 14th July. For pupils of Keyworkers and the Midford Class term will end at 12noon on Friday 17th July. Details of the planned visits can be found on the final page. Please ensure that you arrive on time as we will not be able to admit pupils who arrive late.

School Uniform

Children will be expected to return in FULL school uniform in September.

Our school uniform is supplied by Norton Sports & Camping, 77 High Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DE who, in normal circumstances would be more than happy to see you. However, during the current coronavirus crisis, there is a need to keep visits to the shop to a minimum and, therefore, we ask that you place your uniform orders directly with the shop (preferably) by email (nortonsportsandcamping@hotmail.com), alternatively by phone 01761 418972 or by post.

Please note that the shop is not likely to reopen until 15 June but orders can be placed at any time. To ensure that self-distancing rules are maintained, the changing room facilities at the shop will not be available, you are therefore asked to be as sure as possible on your sizing. Nevertheless, the opportunity to change items at a later date will be available.

Visits to school for pupils not currently attending will be as follows;

Current Year group	Date	Arrival time	Pick up time
Reception (Cam and Lox) Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Monday 13th July	10am	11am
Reception (Cam and Lox) Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Monday 13th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 1 Cam and Brue Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Tuesday 14th July	10am	11am
Year 1 Cam and Brue Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Tuesday 14th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 2 Dart Children's Surnames beginning with A to H	Wednesday 15th July	10am	11am
Year 2 Dart Children's Surnames beginning with I to Z	Wednesday 15th July	1.30	2.30
Year 3 Avon	Wednesday 15th July	10.30am	11.30am
Year 3 Kennet	Wednesday 15th July	2pm	3pm
Year 4 Mells Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	9.30am	10.30am
Year 4 Mells Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 5 Yeo Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	10am	11am
Year 5 Severn Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	11.30am	12.30pm
Year 5 Yeo Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1pm	2pm
Year 5 Severn Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1.30pm	2.30pm

Moving Up Day

As a special gift to our wonderful children who have shown huge courage and resilience during these difficult times, we have produced these colourful mugs as a way of remembering that there is always hope and that things will get better! They also celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE day—a special event which we didn't quite get to celebrate in the way we would have liked this year.

The mugs will be given to children when they attend their moving up day next week.



Project Work and Books

Any project work and some work books belonging to the children from this year will be sent home with your child on Moving Up Day. Our Year 6 leavers who've not attended school are welcome to collect their mugs and books at 3:45pm on Tuesday 14th July. Any project work that is not collected will have to be thrown away so that we can fully clear out the school and deep clean every room.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2020-2021 Academic Year

TERM 1	
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