



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

16th October 2020

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce the first head girls and head boys for this year, as Fabio, Summer, Charlie and Gracie. They were voted by all of the staff—huge congratulations to them all I know they will be fine ambassadors for our school.

Times continue to be difficult and it is difficult to know what is ahead of us. With this in mind please ensure that you have all the logon details that we send home in a safe place as we never know when you may need them!

Pupil progress meetings have been held this week with teaching staff and it is good to see that pupils are making excellent progress. Pupils are working very hard and we have been particularly impressed by the standard of presentation in books across the school. I have seen some lovely writing by Year 1 pupils and the reception pupils are progressing so quickly with learning their first set of sounds. Practising at home is really helping so please do keep up everything you are doing—the children are so proud of their progress! I particularly love it when they show me how much their times tables has improved since September—so many of them have made outstanding progress. They are beginning to get tired now and I am sure everyone will be grateful for half term when it comes.

Many thanks for persevering with the new lunch system—lots of teething problems but once it is running properly it will be so much better for everyone! Hopefully it is all working now.

The year 5 and 6 pupils really enjoyed competing in the 'inter school' Quadkids competition this week and next week Matt is going to run an in school house basketball competition. It's fabulous that the children are still doing lots of sports in spite of everything.

Many thanks for making sure the children attend every day we continue to beat the national average and this week our own target of 97% with 97.5% attendance.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Nicki



Key Stage 1 Celebration

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Magician	Wizard—Best Effort	Wizard—Most Improved	Writing Wizard
Cam	Ivy-Rose C	Wilson D			
Lox	Sophie C	Keegan D			
Somer					
Brue	Jack B	Lukas TS	Henry R	Sienna U	Henry M
Dart	Darcie N	Aidan H	Lena O	Summer H	Bella-Lilly C

Reception Intake 2021

Do you have family and friends thinking of sending their child to St Nicholas next year?

We are currently organising COVID friendly tours to parents who wish to visit. Please advise them to phone the school office

**Applications for secondary school must be in by
31st October!**

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-secondary-school-place-year-7>

Please don't use bad language!

Please could we ask everyone to NOT swear on the school site. Some parents have expressed concern regarding swearing when waiting in the queue in the morning and evening. Thank you

Office Hours

Please note that our office hours are 8.45am to 4.15pm Outside of these hours the phones are not manned and answer phone messages are checked at 9am each day. Sometimes teachers will phone after school, if you are not able to pick up and its after 4.30pm we will not be able to answer your return call but we will phone again the next day.

Parents Evening

We have decided that parents evening will be by phone or google classrooms the week beginning November 2nd. You will be able to book your appointment through e-schools next week.

Lateness

If you arrive late, please ensure you wait with your child until we are able to take them into school after the reception class. Pupils remain the responsibility of parents until they have been taken into school.

Pupils in years 1-6 who arrive after 8.45am are marked as late. Those who arrive after 8.55 are given an unauthorised absence mark which is reported to the Child Missing In Education Officer each term. Persistent lateness may lead to parents being added to her caseload and may lead to fines being issued.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe by wearing a mask on our site!

**Rule of Six no more than six people including children should be in a group.
Everyone should maintain a distance of 2m between each other.**

We have been asked to remind everyone that the rule of six applies to the when you are picking up your children too. Please ensure that you do not gather in groups on the school grounds. We are desperately trying to keep the times for pick up as they are but we may have to spread them out further if parents do not socially distance. Thank you for your support.

NEW LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM

In our continued effort to remove cash and cheques from school, we are moving to a system where parents choose and pay in advance for school meals. This will continue to be through ParentPay.

I am pleased to let you know that the school lunch menu is now available on ParentPay for you to prebook lunch choices with your child. This facility will enable you to sit down with your child at home to choose their lunches. The children will no longer be able to order their lunch when they come in to school in the morning. Once chosen, you are able to change up to the cut off which is 4.00pm on the Thursday before.

(NB for the week after half term this will be Thursday 29th October)

If you pay for your lunches, payment must be made when you confirm your order ie in advance. Any meals not paid for are cancelled by the system. If this is the case you will need to provide a packed lunch.

For example, for meals the week beginning Monday 2nd November, all meals for that week will need to be chosen and paid for by 4.00pm on Thursday 29th October, even if you only want one meal on the Friday of the following week.

Pupils In Reception, Y1 and Y2

All of the pupils in these year groups receive a Government funded meal. You will need to select meals with your child by the Thursday of the previous week ie select meals for the week beginning Monday 2nd November by Thursday 29th October at 4pm.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will need to select meals with your child by the Thursday of the previous week ie select meals for the week beginning Monday 2nd November by Thursday 29th October at 4pm.

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