



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

Lockdown 3 5th March 2021

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back next week. We cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given us in our endeavours to keep all of the children's learning on track.

Next week will be exciting for the majority but we also recognise there will be those who are anxious about the return, both children and adults. On the final page is guidance detailing what we are asking everyone to do so that we ensure the whole community can come out of the COVID measures at the end of June. You may not feel anxious yourself but please respect that others are and that we want to keep all of our classes open but can only do this if we stay COVID free. Please see the Government information on page 3 regarding family lateral flow testing.

As we return, we will once again do everything we can to keep school as 'normal' as possible for your children but they will be restricted to their year group bubbles for play times. Worship will remain online for the foreseeable future and parents evenings will be by phone or Google Classrooms. Details for booking parents evening will be in next weeks newsletter and your child's annual report will come home with them during the week of the 15th of March so watch out for that. This report will include the targets that your child will be working on for the remainder of the academic year. We hope to be able to meet with you in person when we update you on progress towards these targets in July!

As you are aware all SATS have been cancelled for this year but that does not mean that we will not be working hard to ensure that your child meets the age related expectations by the end of the year. With this in mind Year 6 will continue to have an extended day on a Monday (as the Summer progresses this slot will be used to practise the leavers service and leavers play too!). All pupils will continue to have termly assessments to ensure we understand the progress they are making and what we need to do to fill any gaps in their learning.

At this time, we are sad to say that we are not able to plan any school trips but we hope to be able to take every class somewhere before we break up in the summer. We are still hopeful that the year 6 residential will go ahead. We are busy looking at dates for the leavers service, leavers party and leavers play. I will hopefully have provisional dates soon. The last weeks of the Summer term are likely to be very busy if we are able to welcome everybody into school!

I can't wait to see you all next week—our school just isn't 'our school' without you!

Best wishes,

Nicki



MARCH 19TH COMIC RELIEF DAY— SUPER POWER DAY.

What will your secret super power be? Will it be dancing, singing, baking or balancing or will you come as Spiderman or Wonder Woman? Come to school dressed in a homemade cape or pull that super hero costume out of the toy box.

Donations of £1 are requested (cash only on the day).



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.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP EVERYONE SAFE WHEN WE RETURN NEXT WEEK.

- ◆ Please keep everyone safe by keeping two metres apart on the car park – please don't tell us you are in a bubble if we ask you to move away from each other and please don't get annoyed with us for asking you to stay apart- we are just trying to ensure we don't get any COVID-19 cases so we can keep classes open.
- ◆ No-one should drive onto the site, the space outside of the gates is for taxi drop off only.
- ◆ **School attendance is mandatory.** Children must attend and the absence procedure followed. Absence and lateness will be followed up by us and the Local Authority as required by law.
- ◆ Arrival - All children will need to arrive between 8:35 and 8:45.
- ◆ If you are **LATE YOU MUST COME ONTO SITE** and wait at the cone with your child, staff will come and get your child when it is safe to do so.
- ◆ **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY UNTIL A MEMBER OF STAFF HAS TAKEN YOUR CHILD INSIDE.**
- ◆ Only **one adult per family** on the school grounds dropping off and picking up please, **no additional children over 11 should come onto school grounds.**
- ◆ Sadly, no parents will be allowed to enter the school buildings. Toilets are not available.
- ◆ Parents should wear a mask when dropping off and picking up in the car park and if they have a pre-arranged appointment with a member of staff in school.
- ◆ Please remind your children that they will be saying goodbye to you at the school entrance, not the classroom.
- ◆ Book bags can be ordered through ParentPay.
- ◆ The new lunch menus can be found below and on the Parents section of the school website.
- ◆ Home times - Please see the following chart for pick up times at the end of the day.
- ◆ Please try to put messages in the communication book. The senior team love to chat with you and catch up but we get so many messages we sometimes forget to pass them on!
- ◆ Children should attend in uniform – uniform can be ordered from Norton Sports and Camping nortonsportsandcamping@hotmail.com or phone [01761 418 972](tel:01761418972).
- ◆ Home times - Please see the following chart for pick up times at the end of the day.

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

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

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

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::	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
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Monday January 24 th 2022
	One to be confirmed