



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

29th March

Term: 4

Newsletter: 5

School Message

The children have really enjoyed the lovely weather this week! It certainly meant that the reception and Year 5 children had fabulous trips.

This week I have been busy ordering furniture for the new building. It has given me the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to have such fabulous facilities for our community. So many colleagues are coping with peeling paint, cracked plaster, plumbing and electrical issues with no money to rectify the problems. When in Kenya teaching ten years ago the children worked in conditions that meant they got wet and muddy when it rained, as classrooms did not have floors or windows and burnt in the heat when it was assembly as this took place outside. Today I have had a Headteacher from Australia visiting and she has been overwhelmed by our facilities and the fabulous attitudes of the children. We are indeed fortunate but the funding crisis continues to affect us and maintaining our level of resourcing becomes more and more of a challenge. We do not want our school to fall into disrepair over the coming years but the reality is that, without increased government funding, we will. Next year is going to be a difficult year financially, we will be able to balance the books but only through being very careful. On Tuesday I will be speaking with others including local MPs at an event at Twerton Infants at 7pm which has been organised by parents who are fighting for more funding for schools. All parents from across BANES are invited and it would be great if some of our parents were there. If you cannot make it but would like to know more please speak to me and I will be able to put you in touch with the group.

Today's mother's day services have been lovely – it was great to see so many of you there, the children obviously enjoyed celebrating their Mums! I hope all of our Mums, Nans, Grandmas and Carers all have a lovely day on Sunday.

Next Friday is our Easter Bonnet Parade, everyone is invited to the parade which will start at 9am.

I look forward to seeing you all at BINGO on Monday evening – eyes down at 5:30 pm!

Have a lovely weekend,

Nicki Smith.

House Points



This Week - Overall

Huish	85	1381
Foxcote	72	1727
Tyning	95	1522
Ludlow	65	1895

Class Attendance

Frome	100%
Tone	95.3%
Somer	95.3%
Dart	89.3%
Brue	98.9%
Avon	97.4%
Mells	98%
Kennet	99%
Yeo	99.4%
Severn	91.5%

Practise makes perfect!

Have you played on Maths and Spelling Shed this week? On Thursday night the children below were leading the way. All from Years 1, 2 and 4.

Who will be in the top 5 next week? Can any other year groups take over?

Maths Shed

1. Peter VH
2. Leo B
3. Xavier W
4. Rachel L
5. Gracie A

Year 1 in the number 1 spot overall.

Spelling Shed

1. Peter VH
2. Rachel L
3. Kezia N
4. Gracie A
5. Xavier W

Year 4 in the number 1 spot overall.

Save the Date

Monday 1st April

9:00am Spirit of St Nicholas Assembly

5pm Bingo

Thursday 4th April

2:00pm Easter Service

Friday 5th April

9:00am Easter Bonnet Parade

1:00pm - End of Term

Tuesday 24th April Term 5 Starts

Friday 26th April

8:55am KS2 Celebration Assembly

Monday 29th April

4:00pm PTFA - AGM

May 10th May

Year 3 Trip

Outside School Achievements



A Time To Talk

In each class ask your child about:

Frome/Tone: What was your favourite part of the school trip?

Somer: Can you name 5 capital cities?

Dart/Brue: how do you become a knight?

Avon: When is Palm Sunday?

Kenmet/Mells: What is a Kenning?

Yeo: What was the most interesting thing you saw at the Eden project?

Severn: What imperial measurements do you use?



Boys Football Report

The boys football team have played two matches in the last two weeks. The first week, against St Benedict's, was played in awful conditions. It was a close match with both teams coming close to scoring many times. St. Benedict's took the lead in the first half but St. Nicks fought back and Toby scored the equaliser a few minutes before the end. The game finished 1-1. On Monday, in much better conditions, St. Nicks travelled to Kilmersdon. St. Nicks played well against a very strong team but unfortunately lost 5-0. Thanks to Mr Low and the parents for their support.

Well done to the Team - Josh, Charlie, Orry, Oliver, Toby, Jordan, Flynn, Harry, Morgan and Ryley-Joe

Dance Umbrella

On Wednesday night children from Year 2 and Year 4 took part in the Dance Umbrella at the Bath Forum. Their performances were fantastic and, as in previous years, we were incredibly proud of our children. There were some seasoned performers in the group but also some children who had never performed on a stage before. Everyone was brilliant! Information will come home soon about the official photographs that will be available for you to buy.

As always a HUGE thank you must go to Mrs Price for choreographing the routines and giving up her time to accompany the children on the night. Thank you also to all the parents who came to support the children. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Thank you to all staff who made this possible.

Year 6 Camp

Last week year 6 went to Beam House as a residential trip. We did some of the following activities: mud challenge, high ropes, zip wire, archery, ambush and camp fire. We all enjoyed the trip so much, it is a memory that will last forever. All the girls were lucky enough to share a room and the boys slept in two different rooms. The food was exceptional and everyone loved it all so much. All needs were catered for and many of us had seconds. One of the funniest parts of our trip was Phillip the pheasant who lives in the grounds. We had to be careful not to shoot him!! Check out the school website for some of the photos. It was great fun.

By Kelsey M & Milly S

A big thank you to all the staff for making this such a wonderful experience for the children.

Reception Trip

Our reception children had a lovely time at Carymoor. They enjoyed all the activities especially the pond dipping and shelter building.

They also had great fun making a caterpillar out of natural resources that they collected.

More pictures to follow next week



Friends of St Nic's PTFA

A massive thank you to all who bought our cakes and biscuits! We raised a total of £89.50, and got to chat to loads of you about our new PTFA.

We now have a discount code for name tags from www.nametags4u.co.uk which gives you 5% off your order and also raises funds for the PTFA, so everyone's a winner! Nametags4u have many different types of labels - iron-on, stickers, sew-in, clips, stamps, shoe labels, laundry pens, blank labels etc. All you have to do is enter the code nics (no capitals, no apostrophe) at the checkout and the discount will be applied.



Easter Bingo Event on 1st April in the school hall. Come along with your children for a fun filled evening. Doors open 5pm. Eyes down 5:30pm.

£2.50 for 4 games plus a picture round.

Refreshments will be available along with hotdogs!