



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

16th July 2021

*'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Just when I thought it could get no worse it did! We are all devastated that COVID has chosen to hit us so late in the term. Thanks to everyone's quick action the cases do seem to have been confined. So many schools and hospitality sites are affected across BANES so please continue to be vigilant.

In consultation with year 6 parents we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Year 6 Prom and the Year 6 play. It is with a heavy heart we have done this but will go ahead with the leavers' service for the year 6 pupils on the KS 1 playground on Wednesday.

Pupils will meet their new teachers next week. If your child's class or new teacher is isolating this will be through Google classrooms.

As we head towards close down, please can you send all **reading books back to school**. The staff will be endeavouring to send home all labelled uniform and will be collecting in book bags so they don't get lost over the holidays. **Next week the children are welcome to come to school in PE kit each day**—it is forecast to be a very hot week. Please make sure they have a hat and a water bottle too. **Year 6 will need to be in uniform or their Prom outfits for the leavers service!** Year 6 are welcome to bring in a shirt to have signed from Mon

As you are all aware I have been suffering with COVID. The care I have had from my Doctor's surgery has been amazing and hopefully I am on the mend but I have been told that I am not well enough to return to work when my isolation ends on Monday. I have persuaded them that coming to school on Wednesday to say goodbye to the Leavers is good for me so I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday. Many thanks for all of your good wishes. My huge thanks go to Mrs Biss, Mr Low and the whole staff team for everything they have done this week.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Nicki

## COVID 19 Changes from Monday

Although there are national changes from Monday, schools have been advised to continue as they are until the end of term. For the safety of everyone and to get everyone off on holiday safely please continue to wear masks when entering the school site. We will review the situation again before school starts in September.

**From August 16th children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self isolate. Until then it is a parents legal duty to ensure their child isolates at home when asked to do so.**



## Year 6 Residential to Heatree

### HEATREE RESIDENTIAL 2021

Here are some parts of some of the Heatree Residential recounts by Year 6 at home:

#### Fabio:

I learnt that I can do anything I can put my mind to and even if I am scared. There are far too many highs to talk about but the main ones are being in a room with my best friends and having lots of laughs. Another high is having the midnight feast and staying up late and playing imposter whilst watching the football and also playing table football everyday.

There are very few lows to talk about because the whole trip was amazing. One of the lows was not getting any sleep. I think I have now changed my attitude I feel like am a lot more responsible I had to pack my suitcase for the first time and didn't ask for help and being away from home was a big challenge in its self. I have never been on holiday without my mum so that was challenging but the whole trip was amazing one of the best trips I have ever been one I would so go there again.



#### Jayden:

We arrived at Heatree then we put our bags (suitcases, backpacks) away after we spent 30 minutes unpacking in our rooms. We finally went downstairs. I was in a room with Ethan and Kylan and we were apparently the tidiest. My room had an extra room which freaked us out! We met our instructors Tom and Simon. They gave us a map and said that we have to go to every bit on the map to find our resources to build a raft. We split up into 3 groups. I was in a group with Ethan, Kylan, Macie, Evie and Avalee. After that I built a raft then I sailed a raft then I hit a TREE! After that I had a shower then we had dinner.

#### Jacob:

Before I was really nervous but then when we got there I felt better and more comfortable. The first activity we did was mission impossible. We had to find numbers and write them down but we didn't just run around we used a map to find them. It was difficult but then we figured it out and did it. Then we had to built a raft, ride it across a river, which was cool, then we went back to the house and showered, ate and played some games such as snooker and table tennis.

The next day we got showered had some breakfast and went to do to kayaking which I was nervous at doing but then I got in the kayak and went around then someone fell out and sunk mine and then I got soaked!





## Year 6 Residential to Heatree

Rhianne:

My Experience at Heatree 2021

I really enjoyed kayaking because I'd never kayaked before. I also loved learning how to kayak backwards. Along with all of that, we were taught how to make our kayaks turn by holding our paddle in the air and spinning it around and around like a Helicopter. I found the tiny baby frogs that I'd discovered very amusing. I even held one in my hand. It tickled. I named him Mr. Froggy Frog Frog.

Attempting the Highropes was the best decision I'd ever made there are so many challenges to set yourself no matter what your ability is. You are guaranteed to receive lots of positivity and care from your instructor this really helped me believe in myself. I was over the moon when I accomplished my first course/goal which motivated me to believe in my self and take and challenge that is thrown at me.



Lucas:

### Activity 4 – the last day

This was our last day and the morning was the same but today we had to do raft building and then we got to race them. We had to go and find something with a number and a shape. We were given a sheet and when we found one we wrote it down. Then we all met outside the house and Michael took our clipboards and paper and he counted all what we had and we were given lots of rope, one barrel and two logs. We could trade anything and we traded two ropes for a barrel and we had to build the raft, it was fun to build. When we finished we put our raft in the water and me and Liam went first and rain and Logan went second. One team had four barrels, two logs and two ropes and they had four on at a time and surprisingly we won with two in at a time. I enjoyed it and after the race we took it apart and put the equipment away. Once again took the wet weather gear off and put it on a table we went and changed into dry clothes. We then walked back down and sung happy birthday to Peter and we had some delicious cake. Then we had some lunch and I had a tuna and mayo with cucumber sandwich with some crisps. After we had finished we went on a walk over the hills and we saw the coaches come back. When we were walking back we took a picture of us. On our way back to a part of the path there was lots of cows and we had to be silent walking past them. We walked back through the woods and made it back to the building. We got all our stuff and put it in the back of the coach.

## Year 6 Residential to Heatree

**Aden:**

I got ready to do the high ropes straight after lunch, I really enjoyed the high ropes. I surprised myself going as high as I did as I was a little nervous on how high it was. It was wet and slimy, but I still pushed myself. My favorite time off the whole experience was kayaking, it was extremely superb. There was lots of laughter by lots of us. We learnt how to hold the paddle correctly and the motion on how to glide in the water to make us move in the kayak and how to turn. We got to jump in the lake after.

I have lots more confidence in myself to be able to try new things and give it the best I can and to never give up trying. My attitude is completely different because I always doubted myself and never had confidence in myself to do anything like this before. The food was amazing and delicious, only bad part was trying to do my own toast and burning it, I look back at it now and laugh about it. I have some great memories that will stay with me with some great friends that I have made through my years at St Nicholas. There is no lows about this trip it was such a great experience and I am so happy that Mrs Smith and the teachers managed to make this happen for us.



**Logan:**

During my time at Heatree I have had the opportunity to have lots of fun and exciting times. When we got to Heatree we ate some delicious lunch and had a chat with our friends. After lunch we met instructors called Michael and Emily who took us to High Ropes. When we got to the High ropes, we climbed up a rope wall. On the High Ropes when I got up there I was quite scared so I couldn't reach the top but it was really fun. After that the bit we went on another wall but it was a log that we had to climb on.





### Attendance this Week

CAM	Isolating
LOX	Isolating
SOMER	91.58%
BRUE	100%
DART	88,7%
AVON	89.42%
KENNET	90.48%
MELLS	79.76%
SEVERN	91.97%
HUNTSPILL	Isolating
HARTLAKE	Isolating
MIDFORD	90%

Attendance has been disappointing again this week at 86.78%. Children isolating due to a case within their bubble or have symptoms themselves are not included in these figures. Children will be expected back into school once their isolation period has finished. There have been various other illnesses reported. Please ensure you ring the office and leave a message if your child will not be in school giving the exact reason.

**If your child is going home with someone else please write this in the communication book.** The office do not have capacity to take all the calls that come in just minutes before your child is due to be collected.

**Please note: we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Please be honest with us. It is so sad for the children to have to lie about whether they have been sick or not; they always tell us about their holidays and we will always talk to them about their trip.**

## Spirit of St Nicholas

Midford

Caydn M

Somer

Ava-Grace L

Brue

Matthew C

Dart

Dylan H

Avon

Paige S

Mells

Amilia H

Kennet

Lucas G

Severn

Harlee K

**Year R and Year 6 will receive their awards next week**



A message from  
NORTON SPORTS & CAMPING  
School uniform Supplies  
There is now a new website

**[www.nortonsports.co.uk](http://www.nortonsports.co.uk)**

providing the opportunity for parents/carers to order items of school uniform on a click and collect basis. The site provides illustrations of the uniform together with sizes, prices and availability. We have limited the web use to click and collect because, as a general rule, we have found that it is better to try items on before purchase.

However, if requested we will dispatch items by post, with an appropriate charge.



### Attendance this Week

CAM	91.5%
LOX	97.65%
SOMER	93.13%
BRUE	96.2%
DART	98.99%
AVON	95%
KENNET	97.78%
MELLS	98.24%
SEVERN	98.55%
HUNTSPILL	96.31%
HARTLAKE	92%
MIDFORD	93.3%

Attendance has been disappointing again this week at 95.71%. This is due to families taking holidays in term time. Please ensure you arrive at the correct time to collect your child after school. Covid rules and timings are still in place and we cannot release late pick ups until all the other bubbles have gone.

**Please note: we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Please be honest with us. It is so sad for the children to have to lie about whether they have been sick or not; they always tell us about their holidays and we will always talk to them about their trip. They are not to blame for adult decisions.**

## Last Day of Term Wednesday 21st July

### Leavers' Day

- 8.30: Parents drop children at school for the Leavers' Breakfast.
- 9.10: Parents return to school and enter via the side gate onto the KS1 playground.
- 9.15: Leavers' Service begins
- 11.15: Parents leave by the side gate into the car park.
- 11.30: Take away lunch
- 12.20pm Year 6 leave
- 12.25 Year 5 and Reception
- 12.30 Year 3 and 4
- 12.35 Year 1 and 2
- 12.45 Midford

## **September 2021**

**New term starts on Monday 6th September  
at 8.45am for Years 1 to 6  
and for**

**Reception on Wednesday 8th September at 8.45am**

## **Dropping off and Picking up Your Children**

**In September drop off will continue to be in the car park between 8.35am and 8.45am.**

**Children in Years 1-5 should be picked up from their classrooms following the one way route.**

**Reception children from their outdoor area and Year 6 from the back gate.**

**The end of the day will revert back to pre covid times.**

**for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.30pm**

**And for Years 3,4,5 and 6 3.35pm.**

# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021-2022 Academic Year

**Including INSET DAYS**

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Start:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start:	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Start::	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Finish:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Finish:	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>TERM 5</b>	
Start:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Finish:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>TERM 6</b>	
Start:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Finish:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
	Tuesday January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2022
	Monday January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2022