



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

18th September 2020

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful sunny week it has been!

We continue to keep systems tight which seems to be ensuring everyone stays safe -our budget is literally going down the drain! We currently spend more on soap than pens, pencils and books! I am very pleased to see how well the children have settled, they haven't forgotten our expectations of behaviour and our year 6 pupils have come back with a fabulous attitude to their work which will serve them well this year.

We are working hard to close any gaps academically. Times tables tests are now daily and all of the children in Key stage One have phonics twice a day. We are focussing on spelling and handwriting closely as well, so please help your children to learn their spellings each week. Should we have to close any classes or year groups at any time the staff will do some teaching via Google classrooms and we will send out paper-packs for those of you who struggle. Should we have to do this we now have a limited number of computers that we can lend out to families but you would need to have a broadband connection and take responsibility for any damage.

Further details of how to book an appointment for parents evening in October will follow but we have had to make the decision that for this term the consultation will be by phone.

Best wishes,
Nicki

Harvest Wednesday 30th September



Sadly this year our harvest celebration will be just for pupils and will be via Google classrooms for the children. We will, however, still be doing our annual food collection for the Lords Larder food bank. Although anything in a packet or tin will be gratefully received In particular they are asking for tinned spaghetti, tinned sweetcorn, meals in a tin, tinned fruit, shaving foam, toilet rolls and size 5 and 6 nappies.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are a few places left in the clubs if you would like your child to join.

Monday—Cricket Club—Y3 & Y4—starting Monday 21 September

Wednesday—Multiskills Club—Y1 & Y2—starting Wednesday 16 September

Friday—Basketball Club—Y5 & Y6—starting Friday 18 September

To register your child for an after school club, please email

Book Bags

Book bags can be ordered through parent pay.

Talking to teachers.

If you have a concern that you wish to raise with a teacher please phone the office and they will arrange an appointment for you. Please remember to bring a mask if

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.

Attendance

Not surprisingly, in the circumstances, attendance was significantly down this week at 93.5%. This was due to many children having colds. It is fine for the children to come to school with a cold—they should only stay at home if they have one or more of the COVID 19 symptoms.

Covid 19

If your child has a persistent cough, temperature or has lost their sense of taste or smell they should self isolate for 14 days at home or stay off school until they have had a negative test.

Please inform school if anyone in your household bubble has a positive test.

Children with normal cold symptoms are able to come to school each day.

Drop Off

Please do not leave your child unattended before 8.35pm. For the safety of everyone please try to arrive after 8.35 but before 8.45am.

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