

St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

Lockdown 3 12th February

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to everyone for picking up the work packs this week. I am sure that everyone is ready for a break from lessons and it is important that the children have some down time as I think remote learning is so mentally draining for everyone.

Next week I am going to try and stay away from the news as much as possible as I am finding that all the talk of children catching up is beginning to annoy me! Parents and teachers are doing everything they can to continue teaching the children and I think it would be good to show recognition of this, rather than assuming every child is going to be under pressure to increase their learning when we return to school. When the children finally come back, we will do everything we can to accelerate progress but we also recognise that the children need to get back to being children and that their developing brains can only take so much learning and pressure at once. When we finally return here at St Nicks we will teach the children from where they are and continue to teach a varied curriculum that ensures the children have a broad knowledge and enjoy being back at school with their friends. We are passionate that this pandemic should not define a generation or who each child is and we will do everything we can in supporting the children through the coming years.

Many of you seem to be enjoying setting '100 challenges' —I have managed my 100 crunches everyday and have now added in bouncing on the trampoline as well—skipping next! Next week I hope to climb over 100m (I live near Glastonbury Tor!) and start ticking off 100 miles of walking!

I have really missed the children this term and particularly this week, so I hope we start to have some good news on the 22nd of February. Please find the dates for the next academic year at the end of the newsletter.

Have a good half term I hope you manage all to get a little rest and relaxation before lessons start again.

Best wishes,

Nicki



Challenge 100 in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore *'Tomorrow will be a good day'*

We have been so impressed with the children who have started their own '100 Challenge'.

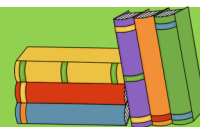
What will you try next? This week's highlights have included:

- Children in school shooting 100 basketballs
- Year 6 drawing 100 emojis
- Mrs Mason is finding out 100 facts about Radstock.
- Mr Low starting to run, row and cycle 100 miles.
- Harry and Poppy doing 100 press ups and star jumps.
- Sophie writing her name 100 times.
- Zachary, Zander and Zarah finding 100 road names on their walks.
- Henry and Joseph shooting 100 basketballs and reading 100 pages.

Log in to Parent Pay if you would like to make a donation to the Captain Tom Foundation.



World Book Day 2021



One of our favourite days of the year is fast approaching and we are not going to let lockdown get in the way of celebrating our love of reading and books! World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March and this year we are going to ask children to get creative at home to join in the fun. We'd like you to celebrate your favourite book or book character in any way you'd like, and send us the pictures so we can put them on the website. Possible ideas might include:

- Creating a model or painting of a scene or character from your favourite book. You could use a potato to create a character like we have done in previous years or make a scene inside a shoe box.
- Create a life sized scene from a story in your house or garden. Maybe you could recreate the wardrobe to Narnia or the door to the Secret Garden. Or maybe you could all dance like Gerald the Giraffe!
- Add a new picture, chapter or character to your favourite story. Who else might the Gruffalo meet in the wood? What might Harry Potter's next wizarding adventure be?
- Drop everything and read! The whole family could set aside 30 mins every day for a week, to all read at the same time and share their love of books.



We will send out further information after the holiday about online activities that the children can join in with in the online classrooms. Have fun!

Please Help Us Keep the Community Safe.

- Please keep your distance in the car park and wear a mask.
- Please ensure that you go off site as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your children.
- When on site please ensure you stay two metres away from everyone.
- Please keep all of your children with you at all times.

Struggling With Poor Internet?

Please let us know if you are struggling to get on to the Google Classroom because of a poor internet connection or low data allowance. We may be able to offer help through the BT WiFi Voucher Scheme.

Our online attendance for Google Classrooms was 82% last week! That's amazing, thank you so much for helping the children to get online!

Keeping Everyone Safe Online

- Make sure you are dressed appropriately for the classroom (no pyjamas or dressing gowns).
- Try to sit at a desk, table or workspace where you can write neatly and carefully.
- Don't move around while on camera—it can distract other children.
- Only use the class stream and chat function to answer questions that the teacher has asked or to ask something relevant to the learning.
- Don't change your screen background during the lesson. It is distracting for others.

Parents, please remember...

- You can be seen by the whole class—please refrain from smoking or vaping in view of the children.
- Please adults watch your language—everyone can hear you!
- Please do not advertise on your child's google messaging service. As a school we do not endorse any products and are disappointed that this has happened.
- Please try to avoid letting the children eat whilst in lessons - it's very distracting for the rest of the class.

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

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2021-2022 Academic Year

TERM 1	
Start:	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 1 st 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