

St Nicholas C of E Primary School

School Newsletter

24th September 2020

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,

The weather has certainly changed during this week! The children all need waterproof coats in school every day as they will be going outside in all weathers.

We are keeping doors and windows open in our classrooms as much as possible so at times it is a little cooler than usual! If your child feels the cold, they may wear a SCHOOL fleece (available from Midsomer Norton Camping—stocks are low and delivery time is 2-3 weeks so if you want one for the winter please order now!). This should be worn in addition to not instead of their jumper or cardigan.

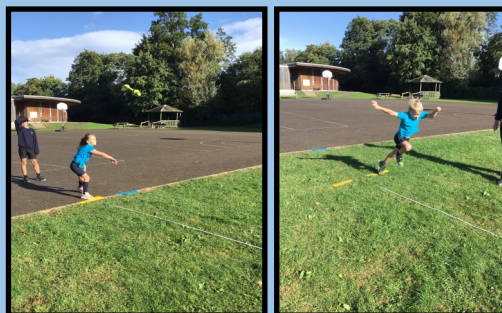
It has been lovely to see a team of year 3 and 4 children competing for QuadKids today. It is an interschool competition with the officers from the Bath sports partnership coming to each school to record results. It is great to see the children eagerly taking part on behalf of the school once again.

Thank you to everyone for helping us to keep our community safe, it is much appreciated. It seems that the new measures are set to stay for many months to come. We do not sit still at St Nicks and will do everything we can to compensate for what we can't do. We are already talking about our plans for Christmas to ensure the children have a lovely time no matter what the dreaded COVID is up to!

Sadly this week I have had to write to the parents of our 2020 leavers further postponing the leavers party—I did this with a very heavy heart but had to put everyone's safety first—we will have a party for them when we are able to do so. I think at the end of this a party for the whole school will be needed!

We are very conscious that these are very difficult times for many of you so please let us know if you are struggling and we will do everything we can to help.

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.

School Trips

Although the government guidelines have actively encouraged us to take the children on trips we are struggling to find anywhere who are accepting school groups and have facilities such as lunch rooms for inclement weather open! The staff as always have worked so hard to take the children out, particularly important at the moment, but are not having much luck! Currently the only trip likely to run this term is the Year 5 trip to Butser Ancient Farm, which is all out side!

We are continuing to try and book trips for the spring and summer terms and will let you know the prices for these once they are costed. We think it is likely to be November before we have full details.

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 you have an appointment in school.

Parents Evening

We have decided that parents evening will be by phone the week beginning November 2nd—further details on how to book will follow

Lateness

If you arrive late please ensure you wait with your child until we are able to take them into school after the reception class. Pupils remain the responsibility of parents until they have been taken into school.

Pupils in years 1-6 who arrive after 8.45am are marked as late. Those who arrive after 8.55 are given an unauthorised absence mark which is reported to the Child Missing In Education Officer each term. Persistent lateness may lead to parents being added to her caseload and may lead to fines being issued.

Drop Off

Please do not leave your child unattended before 8.35pm or if you arrive once the gates are closed, after 8.45. For the safety of everyone please try to arrive after 8.35 but before 8.45am.

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.

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.

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