



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today has been another first after such a long time, as we welcomed KS2 parents in for our Celebration Worship. Thank you to everyone who joined us to see your child receive their award. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

It's been a busy couple of weeks at St Nicholas with speeches and nominations for different roles within school. Last week, Year 6 children nominated themselves for the prestigious roles Head Boy and Head Girl and then it was up to all staff in the school to vote for the children who they felt would be excellent role models and demonstrated the school values in everything they do. It was such a difficult decision and the votes were very close. However, we are delighted to announce that **Maisy** and **Joseph** are our first Head Boy and Girl.

On Monday, Year 6 gave speeches to the rest of the school, detailing why they should be voted in as a captain of our houses Tynning, Ludlow, Huish and Foxcote. The remainder of the school now have the tricky job of voting for the children who they think will be the best House Captains – the winners will be announced in Monday's Worship.

Within each class, children have also nominated themselves to represent their class as part of our School council, Eco Committee and Equalities Committee. Our representatives from each class were also announced on Monday and today the children received their badge. They will have their first meetings over the next two weeks and will begin planning a variety of activities and events throughout the year. We look forward to hearing what they propose.

Don't forget to join us for our Harvest Services on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Please see the information in the box below. Mrs Warde is also holding a **Reception Reading Meeting** at **2.45pm on Wednesday** and **Year 5** parents and carers are invited in for a Family event at **9.40am on Thursday**. We look forward to seeing you all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kirsty Biss

### Head Boy and Girl

Congratulations to our newly appointed head boy and girl **Maisy R and Joseph M**. All the children who gave speeches were fantastic and it was a difficult choice for the staff and children who all had a vote.

### Harvest

Tickets for our Harvest Festival on 5th October will be sent home today. Each family in each Keystage have been allocated one ticket. KS1 will be at 9:00am and KS2 2:30pm. You will need to produce your ticket when you arrive and a mask needs to be worn. This year we are collecting for the Bath Food Bank and we ask for any donations to be brought into school no later than 8:45am on Tuesday morning. We have included a list of suggestion and ask you DO NOT send in any fresh items or glass bottles/jars.

- \* Milk (UHT or powdered)
- \* Tinned Corned Beef
- \* Tinned Fish
- \* Tinned Potatoes
- \* Tinned Fruit
- \* Tinned Tomatoes /Beans
- \* Tinned Spaghetti
- \* Tinned/ Packet Meat Soup
- \* Brown/Red Sauces
- \* Sponge Pudding
- \* Pasta
- \* Biscuits
- \* Sweet/Savoury Snacks
- \* Long Life Fruit Juice (carton)
- \* Instant Coffee/Chocolate
- \* Instant Mash
- \* Kitchen/Toilet Rolls
- \* Cleaners (not bleach)
- \* Toiletries (no aerosols)

### Our Values

The children in reception class looked at the story of Jesus in the Temple. They talked about places that are special to them and how special things help them to feel safe and secure. Cam class then did pictures to show the special places they like to be. Jesus, Mary and Joseph made a special appearance!



### Contacts and email address

Can you please inform the office immediately if you have changed your phone number, address or email address as **EVERYONE** needs to be using eschools to access letters including trip information. Parents evening will also need to be booked this way once we announce the date. If you or anyone you know is struggling please contact the office.

# KS2 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Wizard Best Effort	Wizard Most Improved	Wizard Writer
<b>Avon</b>	Lukas TS	Sienna U	Henry R	Evie N	Alicia P
<b>Tone</b>	Harriet VH	Brooklyn C	Summer H	Darcie N	Mario W
<b>Mells</b>	Xavier W	Jack G	Jay R	Thomas B	Henry C
<b>Severn</b>	Lexie B	Milo G	Jack G	Blake V	Eva-Mai P
<b>Yeo</b>	Evie R	Romeo N	Xabian L	Amelia H	Leo W
<b>Hartlake</b>	Alfie M	Joseph M	Coby C	Phoebe HW	Henry W
<b>Midford</b>	Alexandra	Logan H	Brooke G		

## Census Day Free School Meals

As you are aware all of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. What you won't be aware of is that the school is not paid for all of these meals unless your child has a meal on census day! The school is paid for meals based on the average number of children having school meals on these days – this means that if 50 children have a meal on census days but 100 children have meals on the other days we only receive the money for 50 of the children taking the meals each day! This has cost our school approximately £10,000 this year (more than a teaching assistant costs us.) Think how much equipment we could have also bought with that money!

The next census day is on **Thursday 7th Oct 2021**. On that day we will be booking every child a meal who is entitled to one and offer it to your child. If you are worried that your child will not eat the lunch please feel free to send a packed lunch as well. If they don't eat their lunch we will offer them the packed lunch – if they do they can take their lunch home for tea! On census day the choice for dinner will be the option for Friday of Fish and Chips or Vegetable curry. Friday will be the option for Thursday which will be Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne.

**All meals need to be booked via ParentPay.**

## Outside School Achievements

Well done to Florence D who was awarded the Wild World Heroes Certificate and medal for successfully taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Evie E who has been awarded the British Gymnastic proficiency Award for Level 8.



## Class Attendance

<b>Cam</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>Frome</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Somer</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Dart</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>Avon</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Tone</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Mells</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>Severn</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Yeo</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Hartlake</b>	<b>91.3%</b>
<b>Wellow</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Midford</b>	<b>74%</b>

Attendance is very poor again this week at 94%. We are aware there are lots of illnesses around at the moment so would again request you let us know exactly why your child is off.

Lateness is also a concern so can we please ask you leave home allowing for traffic, roadworks and parking. Let's see if next week can be a better week.

# 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