



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

18th February 2022 Newsletter 7 Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all staying safe. It certainly wasn't the end of the half term that we had expected. The week started so well too with the children having the fabulous experience of working with Jamma de Samba—the majority of children loved it—with just one or two children finding the noise a little too much! Year 6 had a great morning on the Life Skills trip, its always very popular with the children . The Life Skills centre aims to teach the children how to assess risk and deal with difficult situations the programme is designed specifically for Year 6 pupils .The centre is run entirely by volunteers, it is an integral part of our Year 6 programme and we are very grateful to those who give up their time for this invaluable service.

It has been a much better week re COVID this week with attendance back up at 97% - let's hope that we are finally seeing an end to it in our community.

Anything that has been missed this week we have re-arranged for the week after half term, please see the rest of the newsletter for further information.

Once the storm abates I hope you all have a lovely week with your children.

Best wishes,

Nicki

Jamma de Samba

The children had a lovely treat this week when we welcomed Jamma de Samba back into school. They spent two days with the children teaching them Samba drumming with a unique blend of traditional Brazilian rhythms. The children really enjoyed following the beat and creating amazing sounds that could be heard throughout the school.



Young Voices

Calling all Young Voices families! We are delighted to let you know that we have finally had a date confirmed for our concert. We will be going to the O2 for our Young Voices concert on **Monday 25th April** which is the first day back after the Easter holidays. If you ordered a ticket for the original January concert then this will automatically be transferred to the new April date. Needless to say that I will be in touch again soon to confirm details such as requests for seats on the parent coach.

Class Attendance for Term 3

Cam	94.2%
Frome	97.7%
Somer	100%
Dart	98.4%
Avon	98.4%
Tone	100%
Mells	93.9%
Severn	98.1%
Yeo	98.8%
Hartlake	98.9%
Midford	92.2%
Wellow	90%

Attendance overall is an amazing
97.3%

Spirit of St Nic's

We have had a lovely Term 3. Everyone has worked hard in class and the children have participated in activities with our visitors. During the assembly one child from each class was presented with a trophy for their work, outstanding achievements and overall commitment to St Nicholas during Term 3. They will keep the trophy until the next Spirit of St Nicholas Service which will be held at the end of each term. Winners for this term:

**Spirit of St Nicks will now take place on
Friday 4th March**

Diary Dates

Monday 28th February

Start of Term 4

Tuesday 1st March

Year 4 Roman Bath Visit

Wednesday 2nd March

Year 1 We are the Curious Visit

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Friday 4th March

Dress to Express

Spirit of St Nicks Assembly

Tuesday 8th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th March

Parents Evening

Friday 11 March

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 15th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th March

2:00pm Year 1 Family Event

Thursday 17th March

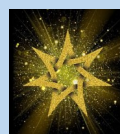
House Points

Foxcote 183

Tynning 287

Huish 297

Ludlow 262



Easter Bonnet Parade

Don't forget the Easter Bonnet Parade will take place this year on **5th April 2022 @ 9:00am**.

We think this would be a lovely activity for you to prepare together over the half-term.



Outside Achievements

Well done to Isla and Iona T who completed their first 2km Junior Park Run on Sunday.



Parents Evening

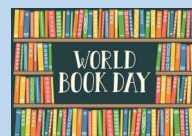
Parents Evening will now take place on the **15th & 17th March**. You will be able to book your appointment after half-term. All appointments will need to be booked through E-schools. Please ensure you have your user name and password. It is very important that all parents attend as this is our opportunity to share your child's achievements and raise any concerns.

Dress to Express

Dress to Express will now take place on March the 4th. Thank you for your donations for Places2Be in return for a cookie. Donations can still be made through your ParentPay accounts.

World Book Day

We are all very excited to be dressing up on Thursday 3rd March. We can't wait to see all your creations.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian

Free School Meals during February half term 2022

As you may be aware, over the last 14 months Bath and North East Somerset Council has provided funding to support households with children who receive benefit related free school meals during school holiday periods by issuing vouchers to parents. The Local Authority is looking to provide similar support during this February half term.

The Local Authority has been provided with Hardship Funding by the government to support families in need and we have decided to utilise part of this funding to support vouchers for Free School Meals entitled pupils during the February half term period.

The voucher scheme for this holiday period will have a value of £20 per pupil.

This voucher system will be the same as previously used for the Christmas period.

Households will receive Select codes with links to the council's supplier, Hawk Incentives, which will take them to a landing page where they will be presented with a selection of supermarkets to choose from, and a reward total which may be split by different supermarkets. Select codes may be added for each qualifying child to increase the reward total, and these will be issued as £20 per child for the February half term period on the council's original email.

Once parents have selected their supermarket they may checkout via their shopping basket, and after having entered their name and email address vouchers will be dispatched to their email address within 24-72 hours.

Households who received voucher links for the previous Christmas break will not need to make a new application, however anyone who did miss out will need to reapply using the web-form on the council's public website:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/help-parents-and-carers>

The select codes will only be valid for 3 months once issued, however once a chosen supermarket is selected the normal terms and conditions of that store apply, which range from 12 months to two years.

Those parents / guardians who received a voucher during the Christmas holiday period will automatically be sent an [e-mail](#) that will ask if they wish to receive a voucher for their eligible children by clicking a hyperlink. This will generate a further e-mail which will contain the codes to the landing site described above. Parents/ Guardians will not need to reapply.

Parents and Guardians should receive an e-mail on 17th February. If you have not received this e-mail by the end of that day, please check in your Spam folder before contacting [the Benefits team on 01225 477777](#).

The Voucher value will be for £20 per child.

For parents / guardians who are eligible for free school meals but did not claim a voucher previously, you can make a claim through the council's web portal which will open in the afternoon of 17th February.

The web link below will request you to submit an e-mail address and some details about yourself and your child / children including your National Insurance number. From this information we will cross check with the entitled to benefit related free school meals register and issue a code back to your e-mail address. This may take a few days to complete.

Web Link

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/help-parents-and-carers>

Please ensure you are happy with your choice of supermarket **before** you checkout, as this **cannot be changed** once it has been picked. **It is also very important that upon receiving your voucher for your chosen supermarket that you download and save it to your smartphone or computer, as replacements will not be issued.** Full terms and conditions are displayed on the voucher.

If you do not have electronic means of contacting us, then please phone the Benefits team on 01225 477777. where you will be asked to provide the same data and a voucher will be made available to you via alternative means depending on your circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Bath and North East Somerset Council



Community Wellbeing Hub

Bath and North East Somerset

The Community Wellbeing Hub offers one number that residents can call to access a range of services and advice that will help you to stay well and support your health and wellbeing. We offer support for :-



Housing



Stopping smoking



Feeling isolated,
lonely or anxious



Money advice &
benefits support



Keeping active
& healthy



Achieving a
healthy weight



Accessing food,
transport or
medication



Employment issues
& advice

Please give us a call and we will be happy to help you



Call 0300 247 0050

Monday to Friday from 9 am until 5 pm

Alternatively, you can contact us by text: 07870 868368



CWHBanes@hcrhcaregroup.com



communitywellbeinghub.co.uk

The Hub is a collaboration between Bath & North East Somerset Council, HCRG Care Group, and third sector organisations including Age UK BAnES, Bath Mind, Citizens Advice, Curo, DHI and 35G



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 virtual support for children aged 5-10 years (with family) and for those aged 10-17 years

Covering topics around:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices

Working in
Locations across
Bath and North
East Somerset



To book a place or find out more contact one of our team:

t: 0300 247 0500

e: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

Service provided by



*Referral Criteria apply

HENRY Healthy Families programme

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely **FREE** to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.



The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is either an online or in-person session. See below for dates.

You'll also receive a free **toolkit** with lots of fantastic resources.

The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

Programme details



Get in touch to sign up now!

Contact Us



Charity number 1132581

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021-2022 Academic Year

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 6 th September 2021
Finish:	Friday 22 nd October 2021
TERM 2	
Start:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
Finish:	Friday 17 th December 2021
TERM 3	
Start::	Wednesday 5 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:	Thursday 21st July 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Tuesday 4th January 2022
	Monday 24th January 2022
	Friday 22nd July 2022