



# St Nicholas C of E Primary School

## Virtual School Newsletter

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all continue to be in good health.

Finally we had the good news that all children will definitely be returning in September but as always this was followed by a guidance document yesterday. I am currently studying this and working out what our bubbles will be and what this will mean for our start and finish times. I will have worked everything out by next Friday and will write about this in the next newsletter.

What is clear from the guidance is that we will be far from back to 'normal' and will be working under the new 'normal' for some time. It seems for next term;

- There will be no assemblies, no concerts and no large gatherings. We will have virtual worship each day.
- From year 3 upwards we are expected to and will be constantly reminding pupils about keeping social distance and with the younger children will be given reminders about trying to keep a distance.
- The strict timetables for hand washing and cleaning will remain and pupils so pupils from year 2 upwards will be taught to clean down their desks at certain times of the day.
- We will continue to employ a cleaner on site to constantly clean the toilets and door handles etc.
- Parents will not be able to come into school and will need appointments to speak to the teachers, our communication books will be key to us all keeping in contact.
- We will be able to take the children on visits so staff have started to look at booking these for next term—at the moment we are focussing on the trips that are mainly outdoors!
- Reading books will be changed on set days and books will then be wiped down and quarantined.
- Attendance at school will be compulsory and fines will be re-instated for families who choose to go on holiday during term time.
- There will be no contact sport but PE will restart and pupils will need PE kit in school.
- Pupils who have any symptoms of COVID 19 will be isolated and sent home—we will follow PHE guidance at the time as to what we should then do.
- Schools will be required to have a 'lockdown' remote education plan—parents may want to consider whether the next birthday present for their child is a laptop! It is likely that schools may have to suddenly close should there be a COVID 19 outbreak in the locality. The education plan will centre around continuing education using on-line resources and the use of Google classrooms.

I am sure that between now and Christmas the guidance will change many times. I will continue to update everyone as I receive information from the government.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe,

Best wishes,  
Nicki

## Do you have friends who are thinking of moving to St Nicholas?

I have heard that there are a number of friends of parents out there who are thinking of moving to our school.

We are able to do visits to school with socially distanced protocols in place. If they are interested please ask them to call 01761 432101 to make an appointment. We are always really busy in September with new children starting, I already have a growing list of new children starting in September!

The forms to apply for an admission to a new school can be found at;

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools/changing-schoolscasual-admissions>

## End of Term Tuesday 14th July.

In order to give **all** pupils the opportunity to say goodbye to their teacher from this year and hello to their new teacher the school year will end for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Tuesday 14th July. For pupils of Keyworkers and the Midford Class term will end at 12noon on Friday 17th July. Details of the planned visits can be found on the final page. Please ensure that you arrive on time as we will not be able to admit pupils who arrive late.

### School Uniform

**Children will be expected to return in FULL school uniform in September.**

Our school uniform is supplied by Norton Sports & Camping, 77 High Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DE who, in normal circumstances would be more than happy to see you. However, during the current coronavirus crisis, there is a need to keep visits to the shop to a minimum and, therefore, we ask that you place your uniform orders directly with the shop (preferably) by email ([nortonsportsandcamping@hotmail.com](mailto:nortonsportsandcamping@hotmail.com)), alternatively by phone 01761 418972 or by post.

Please note that the shop is not likely to reopen until 15 June but orders can be placed at any time. To ensure that self-distancing rules are maintained, the changing room facilities at the shop will not be available, you are therefore asked to be as sure as possible on your sizing. Nevertheless, the opportunity to change items at a later date will be available.

Visits to school for pupils not currently attending will be as follows;

Current Year group	Date	Arrival time	Pick up time
Reception (Cam and Lox) Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Monday 13th July	10am	11am
Reception (Cam and Lox) Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Monday 13th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 1 Cam and Brue Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Tuesday 14th July	10am	11am
Year 1 Cam and Brue Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Tuesday 14th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 2 Dart Children's Surnames beginning with A to H	Wednesday 15th July	10am	11am
Year 2 Dart Children's Surnames beginning with I to Z	Wednesday 15th July	1.30	2.30
Year 3 Avon	Wednesday 15th July	10.30am	11.30am
Year 3 Kennet	Wednesday 15th July	2pm	3pm
Year 4 Mells Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	9.30am	10.30am
Year 4 Mells Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1.30pm	2.30pm
Year 5 Yeo Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	10am	11am
Year 5 Severn Children's surnames beginning with A-H	Thursday 16th July	11.30am	12.30pm
Year 5 Yeo Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1pm	2pm
Year 5 Severn Children's surnames beginning with I-Z	Thursday 16th July	1.30pm	2.30pm