



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

9th July 2021

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'

Dear Parents,
What a week!

I had the the most amazing time away with the Year 6 pupils at the beginning of the week. It was such a privilege to see what amazing young people the year 6 pupils have grown into. I remember them on my first day at St Nicholas as nervous four year olds, this week they showed themselves to be fearless, kind, helpful, willing to have a go and supportive of their friends who were nervous. They also showed a fabulous sense of humour and the ability to laugh in the most testing circumstances. Those with needs showed that strategies they have learnt to help them cope with changes of routines and challenges have really worked. The Year 6 pupils really lived out our values this week, a year group to be really proud of, well done year 6! Please do look at our Facebook page at the photos of what they got up to. The photos will hopefully be on our website in the next few days.

As many of you are aware, following confirmed cases of COVID 19 many of us are having to isolate. Please be patient with everyone at school as they are very short staffed at the moment. Whilst isolating I will be leading school from home, returning on the 19th July. Mrs Biss and Mr Low will be in charge at school. This week has been a huge reminder that COVID is still out there. Please do not come onto site if you have any symptoms or if you are awaiting the results of a PCR test. To those of you who have sent me messages of support, thank you they are much appreciated. It is so unfortunate that we have been hit just as we are coming out of the COVID measures. We have been advised by the MAT that bubbles should remain until the end of term, which is what we shall do.

In the last week of term only the parents and carers of leavers will be able to attend the play and leavers service—they will be issued with two seats each and there will be a seating plan for each event. I will pull names out of a hat for each event to make it as fair as I can as to where people sit. Sadly this year we cannot invite siblings or other adults.

The children will find out their new classes in the last week of term. We do this as young children find it very hard to judge what a week, a day or a month is so the closer we do this to them changing the better and less confusing it is for them. They will spend time with their new teacher, in their new classrooms and learn which gate they will come through in the mornings. Every year children with significant needs are given a social story to take home about their new class and the changes they will face next year, this is for parents to share with them in the Summer holidays.

I am very pleased that in September we will return to our proper end of school times. 3.30pm for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and 3.35pm for years 3 to 6. Year 6 will continue to have an extended day on Mondays until 4.30pm (siblings club will run for any siblings of year 6 pupils).

Best wishes,
Nicki



A message from
NORTON SPORTS & CAMPING
School uniform Supplies
There is now a new website

www.nortonsports.co.uk



providing the opportunity for parents/carers to order items of school uniform on a click and collect basis. The site provides illustrations of the uniform together with sizes, prices and availability. We have limited the web use to click and collect because, as a general rule, we have found that it is better to try items on before purchase. However, if requested we will dispatch items by post, with an appropriate charge.

CAM	95.74%
LOX	96.05%
SOMER	96.85%
BRUE	92.27%
DART	95.74%
AVON	95.78%
KENNET	88.07%
MELLS	89.29%
SEVERN	97.86%
HUNTSPILL	90.06%
HARTLAKE	97.5%
MIDFORD	97.78%

Attendance this Week

Attendance has been disappointing again this week at 94.59%. This is due to families taking holidays in term time. Please ensure you arrive at the correct time to collect your child after school. Covid rules and timings are still in place and we cannot release late pick ups until all the other bubbles have gone. **If your child is going home with someone else please write this in the communication book.** The office do not have capacity to take all the calls that come in just minutes before your child is due to be collected.

Please note: we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Please be honest with us. It is so sad for the children to have to lie about whether they have been sick or not; they always tell us about their holidays and we will always talk to them about their trip. They are not to blame for adult decisions.

KS2 CELEBRATION

	Star	Maths	Wizard Effort	Wizard	Wizard
AVON	Harry B	Freddie B	Harrison P	Jake C	Jay R
MELLS	Alfie T	Zachary H	Amy F	Evie R	Mercedes D
KENNET	Vinnie B	Kai P	Eva-Mai P	Zavier G	Xavier Z
SEVERN	Macie S	Harvey T	Coby C	Ashley S	Riley S

Year 6 Dates

Dates for the Year 6 Events are:

Monday 19th July Year 6 Prom—Dress to impress!

5.45pm Drinks reception, Year 6 parents, pupils staff

6.30pm Year 6 pupils and staff leavers dinner

Dancing until 8.45pm

Tuesday 20th July 5pm Year 6 production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

2 guests per child may attend

Wednesday 21st July

8.30am Year 6 Pupils and parents breakfast followed by leavers service.

Dropping off and Picking Up Your Children in September

In September drop off will continue to be in the car park at between 8.35am and 8.45am.

Years 1 and 2 will go through the Key Stage 1 gate and all other years through the main gate.

Reception parents will be able to drop their children at the reception play area gates.

The end of the day will revert back to pre covid times.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.30pm

Years 3,4,5 and 6 3.35pm.(4.30pm for year 6 on Mondays)

Children in years 1-5 should be picked up from their classrooms following the one way route through the key stage 1 playground, exiting through the main gate.

Reception children should be picked up from their outdoor area gates and Year 6 from their back gate in the corner of the car park.

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 21st July

8.30am Year 6 Pupils and parents breakfast followed by leavers service.

12.20pm Year 6 leave

12.25 Year 5 and Reception

12.30 Year 3 and 4

12.35 Year 1 and 2

12.45 Midford

September 2021

**New term starts at 8.45am for years 1 to 6
on Monday 6th September
and for**

Reception on Wednesday 8th September

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:	Friday 22 nd July 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Monday 1 st November 2021
	Tuesday January 4 th 2022
	Monday January 24 th 2022