



# St Nicholas C of E Primary School

## School Newsletter

6th November

*'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term.

What a week! Thank you so much for all your help and understanding this week. It is so unfortunate that we have had a case of COVID 19 which has meant that the reception children have had to isolate—we can't wait to have them back. I am sure that this is likely to happen a number of times across the school before the pandemic is over. When I have a confirmed case I will focus firstly on ensuring that the children and staff who need to isolate are informed first and will then inform the rest of the school. This does mean that not everyone is going to know at once but I will get information to everyone as soon as is humanly possible.

Please see the further information regarding online learning for the Reception children.

These strange times mean that you are not aware of how many staff are and are not here—at times this week we have had 15 members of staff off—some isolating some unwell—it is a credit to the staff here that the children have all continued to be taught by staff they know and that we have not yet had to look to supply agencies. A huge thank you to the St Nicks team who continue to give 100%, happily doing extra hours and giving up their preparation time. This does mean that we are not always giving the service we like to, but we hope you agree that it is better that the children are taught by familiar staff and have continuity.

Just before half term our year 5 and 6 Quad Kids team competed in the 'virtual' schools competition. I am delighted to announce that the team came 2nd overall, with Rhianne winning Gold in the Girls section. I am so proud of the whole team!

Best wishes,  
Nicki

### Celebration Assembly Awards

Class	Star Of The Week	Maths Magician	Wizard—Best Effort	Wizard—Most Improved	Writing Wizard
Avon	Elsie-Leigh T	De'Alla N	Ellis R	Paige S	George W
Kennet	Elijah R	Jack C	Eva-Mai P	Aleisha H	Lily N
Mells	Kayleigh SS	Rachel L	Logan B	Mercedes D	Zachary H
Severn	Jacob C	Scarlett C	Blake C	Riley D	Edward C
Midford	Caydn M	Amira M			Korey B
Hartlake	Darcey D	Oscar D B	Alfie T	Ella K	Karis B
Huntspill	Lewis P	Mesha B	Jacob D	Crystal M	Liam C

## Please Help Us Keep the Community Safe.

- Please keep your distance in the car park.
- Please ensure that you go off site as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your children.
- When on site please ensure you stay two metres away from everyone.
- Please keep all of your children with you at all times.
- Please ensure you enter and leave via the correct gate.

### Reception Learning During Isolation.

Miss Parrot and Mrs Warde will be 'live' via video link in their Google Classroom each day at 10am and 2pm to give any support you and your child need. We will send out further information shortly to support you with this.

Each day they will set work on the schools Virtual Learning Platform (VLE), the log on for this can be found in your child's communication book.

Miss Parrot and Mrs Warde will contact those families that they do not see through Google classrooms by phone.

Paper packs of work have been sent home with siblings today. Families who do not have siblings will receive them by post on Monday or Tuesday.

### Please don't use bad language!

Please could we ask everyone to NOT swear on the school site. Some parents have expressed concern regarding swearing when waiting in the queue in the morning and evening. Thank you.

### Office Hours

Please note that our office hours are 8.45am to 4.15pm Outside of these hours the phones are not manned and answer phone messages are checked at 9am each day. Sometimes teachers will phone after school, if you are not able to pick up and its after 4.30pm we will not be able to answer your return call but we will phone again the next day.

## Our Winning Quadkids Team!



### Year 5

Aleisha

Alfie

### Year 6

Kezia

Rhianne

Avalee

Evie

Liam

Alfie

Lucas

Vinnie



## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>2020-2021 Academic Year</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 1 September 2020 Tuesday 2 September 2020
Start:	Wednesday 3 September 2020
Finish:	Friday 23 October 2020
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start:	Monday 2 November 2020
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Friday 20 November 2020
Finish:	Friday 18 December 2020
<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 4 January 2021
Start:	Tuesday 5 January 2021
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 25 January 2021
Finish:	Friday 12 February 2021
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start:	Monday 22 February 2021
Finish:	Thursday 1 April 2021
<b>TERM 5</b>	
Start:	Monday 19 April 2021
Finish:	Friday 28 May 2021
<b>TERM 6</b>	
Start:	Monday 7 June 2021
Finish:	Wednesday 21 July 2021