

News from St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

The last half term was short but extremely busy and I've no doubt, that our journey through the second half of this term, will be equally eventful!

Safeguarding

As you know, keeping children safe is our top priority at St Nicholas. Ensuring our children are safe on social media sites is particularly challenging and we regularly deliver discrete lessons on e-safety to help children understand the dangers. During these sessions, we encourage children to share any concerns they may have with a trusted adult. I am heartened to report that our children are now beginning to do this routinely, in a very responsible, sensitive way, that allows us to reinforce the safety guidelines and alert parents.

When the children demonstrate this kind of understanding and regard for their own and others safety, we know we have succeeded in creating a safe culture in our school, where everyone understands their responsibilities! Well done children!

We regularly post the latest newsletters and advice from the, 'Dorset Safer Schools Team', on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk to assist parents and indeed grandparents, on e-safety and other issues. Please take a moment to read the Spring edition. You will find this on our Safeguarding Page.

Recent Sporting Success

Our Year 5 and 6 football team are through to the next round of the Davison Cup, due to their decisive win against William Barnes on January 17th. They were a joy to watch and we are extremely proud of them all! Good luck in the next round boys!

Congratulations to our netball team, who are the proud winners of the Sturminster Pyramid Schools' Tournament. They displayed real commitment and determination through all their matches and were great ambassadors for our school! If you wish to read the children's match reports, please visit our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk

As many of you will know, we love our sport at St Nicholas. Our children really do enjoy a full and varied sporting curriculum, due to our dedicated and committed staff, who deliver high quality PE lessons, co-ordinate extra sporting events and run after school clubs. The children have a full fixture list next half term and I will keep you posted regarding their progress.

Next week we also have 'Book Week' to look forward to (27th February – 3rd March)

Wednesday 1st March: The Lord's Prayer Day. Throughout the day, the children will be exploring the Lord's Prayer, in a variety of ways. Ian Carr will be leading the morning and Rev Lydia the afternoon. There will be a short service in school at the end of the day, where the children will be sharing their work.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day. Please look out for numerous well known book characters making their way to school, for a whole day dedicated to stories, make believe and creativity!

Friday 3rd March – M& M productions will be performing: "A little Princess", based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's book. This is a beautiful story about friendship, love and hope.

In addition to all the above, the children have musical and art experiences, trips out, visits to Millbrook and PTFA events to look forward to. Look out for detail of these in the next edition.

Best Wishes,

Tracy Maley – Headteacher