

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

SUMMER TERM

June 2016

Vision Statement

At St Nicholas we nurture everyone to 'be the best we can be' in a caring and inclusive Christian Environment

DATES

MUSICAL EVENING - 6TH JULY - 6:30 (This is a date change) Our KS1, KS2 and adult choir will be performing along with our young musicians.

SUMMER FETE - Saturday 9th July - 12:00 - If you are able to help in any way we'd love to hear from you.

GROUNDS

The Boat!

Unfortunately, following the annual health and safety check by Dorset County Council, our beloved playground boat was condemned! I'd like to thank Robert (one of our grandparents) for clearing the site so quickly and at no cost to the school. Mr Evans, one of our parents will be recycling the wood from the boat, using it to build a den in the forest skills area. As you can imagine the children are very excited about this!

The children have already started to offer their ideas for a replacement and the PTFA are currently hard at work planning our School Fete (Saturday July 9th) in order to raise funds for this.

Thank you also to the Ground Hog group, who worked hard to tidy up our spiritual garden and put up sails, kindly made my Mrs Rudd and her mum! We all got very wet but it was an enjoyable morning followed by a lovely lunch. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The generosity of our community is indeed humbling and very much appreciated. It makes a huge difference to what we can offer the children.



ARTS WEEK

Monday 4th - Friday 8th July is our Arts Week! It will be no surprise that the theme this year is Rio 2016! Throughout the week, the children will enjoy lots of Olympic themed art activities. We're thrilled to be joined by John and Matt Allen from INPUT International (Industry Project: Understanding Engineering). Both John and Matt are very experienced at delivering design technology activities in schools as well as in Higher and Further Education. John will be helping us throughout the week to construct our very own mini-Olympic Park (using the roll-tube method to build!)! Matt will join us at the end of the week where he'll work with children to design apps that will allow the children to showcase their learning throughout the week. We hope to see as many parents as possible at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th July at 2.30pm where the weeks' work will be presented.

During this week Year 5 and 6 will be attending a Sports Challenge Day at Sturminster Newton High School on MONDAY 4TH JULY .

Year 5 will also be returning to Sturminster Newton High School on Wednesday 6th July for an Arts Day, which promises to be very exciting too!

Thursday 7th is Transition Day . The children will enjoy a day of activities with their new teacher(s) . Parents are invited in from 2:30. Current Acorns will have their transition Day on July 11th due to Mrs Roots being on a course on the 7th .



Friday 8th July - CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY is at the later time of 2:30 . We hope you

Festival in the Field - what a lovely event this was! This festival was a result of the BBC Ten Pieces project, an exciting initiative for primary and secondary age students. Its aim was to open up the world of classical music to a new generation of children and inspire them to develop their own creative responses to ten pieces of music using a variety of art forms - digital art or animation, performance poetry, dance or movement and composition.

Gethin , Jacob , Annabel , Katie , Annalise , Mina , Anna , Beth , Lydia , Isabelle S and Edith were part of a two hundred and fifty strong orchestra who played : Mars , Beethoven's Fifth , Mambo and Habanera . They were absolutely terrific!

Members of our dance club also performed at the festival. They executed a dramatic dance to Beethoven's Fifth and were absolutely terrific too! Well done to : Millie , Roy , Faith , Lucy , Elsbeth , Isabella P , Amelie , Madison and Kristina .

Thank you also to Mrs Velazquez , Mr Blake , Mr Smith and Miss Louise for their input and to all the parents who helped to transport them to and from rehearsals - it was definitely worth it in the end!



HALL OF FAME



CLASS CUP WINNERS

Toby C , Harriett , Harry B , Hayden , Harley , Maddy , Taylor , Caitlin , Alfie , Archie T , Roy , Christian , Beth , Lauren , Harry H , Ewan , Bradley , Nicholas , Maisie , Logan , Georgina , Faith , Lucy , Isaac , Edith , Evie , George , Lily , Annabel , Ben



MATHS MASTERS

Harry H , Maisie M, Amalee, Keira Lewis Ben, Bella ,Ollie , Ted , Hayden ,Maisy M , Logan , Isabelle S , William , Reuben K , Sophia C , Phoebe , Esther , Emma , Carrie , Brody , Isabella M-F , Ava , Harry H , Sammy Q , Harry B , Jessica E , Shannon

Safety

Recently we have seen an increase in the volume of traffic at the end of the school day, particularly when it is raining! This increases the risk to our children and I would ask that you park outside the school grounds and collect your child (ren) from the playground, come rain or shine. We have also seen an increase in parents and children using the main entrance before and after school, rather than the side gates. Keeping children safe is our top priority and this is made more difficult when people park and drive without due consideration for the safety of others and ignore our request to keep congestion around the main entrance to a minimum.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the children safe.

Sport

The children have enjoyed a whole host of sporting activities this term including: golf, swimming, athletics, rounders and tennis. In many of these events we progressed to the next round, with teams competing in North Dorset competitions. We also won the Sturminster Athletics Tournament, with several children qualifying for the County Championships. We are immensely proud of all the children who competed at these events with such determination and pride. If you wish to read more, please visit the Sport Page on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk ,where Mrs Salisbury has posted a detailed report of all these events.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helps us to provide these opportunities for the children and to all the staff and parents who run sporting clubs after school to encourage and foster a love of physical activity and team sport.

And finally...CAN YOU HELP?

Next Year we will be adopting a new phonics scheme called Read, Write Inc; Mrs Sanders, who is our Literacy Leader, will be sending out additional information in the September to explain this scheme in greater depth. We will also be holding parental workshops in the new academic year so you can gain a greater understanding of how you can support the children's learning at home.

In order for the scheme to be effective, our KS1 staff will be attending training. As you may appreciate, this has quite a financial implication. However, we have been offered the opportunity to join up with two other schools for this, which dramatically reduces the cost. Unfortunately, the training is scheduled for our last day of term (20th July) We have our Leavers Service at 9am and although, there will be a member of our school staff with each class, we need parents to help to walk them back to school after the service . Could you please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to support us with this. Thank you.

Best Wishes

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