

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

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Vision statement

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

Sporting News

Football

Congratulations to the football team who won their first round match in the Davison Cup Tournament on Friday October 2nd.

The team played against St George`s School Bourton on a beautiful autumnal evening and pulled off a convincing 3-0 victory. The team was captained by Kit Brace and all players contributed to this success by showing great team spirit and skill.

The next round will be played against Buckland Newton School.

Orienteering

Last Tuesday saw the start of the 2015 orienteering season with a training event at Okeford Fitzpaine School. Sixteen Y5/6 pupils attended this event in preparation for three further events over the coming weeks. Participants will learn to use maps and navigate their way around a variety of courses using electronic dibbers to record their times and achievements. Following each event, results will be published on the PE notice board.

The sessions are run by Wimborne Orienteering club and are expertly lead by Di Tilsley. It is hoped that pupils will develop an interest in this exciting sport and take up opportunities to participate in other events around the county.

Dancing

Congratulations to all our children who participated in the dance show in Southampton recently and received certificates and trophies for their performances. We are extremely proud of you! Our lovely dance teacher, Louise does so much to inspire and encourage the children and we are extremely grateful to her and mum, Bernie.

DATES

DATE CHANGE - KS2 Carol Concert - 14th December at 6:30 instead of the 16th December. I have updated the Events page accordingly.

Friday 16th October - Acorns Cake Sale

HALF TERM - Monday 26th October

2ND November - INSET DAY

Friday 13th November -Willows Cake Sale

Friday 20th November - Musical Café - 2:15 (No Celebration)

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Friday 23rd October at 2:30 in School.
(NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY)

The service will be based on Francis of Assisi's poem 'Canticle of the Brother Sun' and the whole school are involved, from Acorns to Oaks! We hope as many parents and grandparents as possible will be able to join us.

We would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable items from Monday 19th October. Please send fresh produce in on Friday 23rd October. All produce will be donated to the Blandford Forum Food Bank.

REMINDER- Parents are invited to 'DROP IN' before our Harvest Festival. Please come along from 1:15 - 2:15 and visit your child's classroom. There will be an opportunity to chat informally to staff and look at the child's work.

Enrichment opportunities - Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit to Monkey World last week and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you.

M& M theatre group will be performing 'Jungle Book for the whole school on Wednesday 21st October at 9:30. The PTFA have kindly offered to fund this event, so there will be no charge.

PTFA - You have already received a letter from the newly formed and enthusiastic PTFA so you will be aware of the important role they play, in enhancing the children's learning. Without their work we simply would not be able to provide the vast array of enrichment opportunities that help to bring the curriculum alive for the children. If you can spare any time to help we would be extremely grateful!

Volunteers - If you can spare some time regularly or occasionally to listen to children read or help to test spellings / times tables, we would also love to hear from you. Please let Mrs Hanson or your child's class teacher know.

ALL EXISTING VOLUNTEERS and anyone who is interested in supporting in school are invited to a meeting on: **Monday 9th November at 2:40 pm**. Please let Mrs Hanson know if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Behaviour - At St Nicholas we strive to maintain the highest levels of acceptable behaviour, to ensure all children reach their potential. We have consistently high standards and all staff reinforce our aims and procedures as outlined in our 'Behaviour Policy' (available on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) on a daily basis.

I am pleased to report that the majority of my time is spent rewarding good levels of behaviour rather than addressing unacceptable behaviour. All incidents, whether they be low or high level, are dealt with swiftly and behaviour throughout the school is very good. Unfortunately, on occasions I have to make the decision to exclude children, if they present a danger to themselves or others.

Please take a moment to read our 'Behaviour Policy' to help ensure the whole community have a shared understanding of the procedures and systems we use, in order to keep everyone safe and the consequences, should children exhibit unacceptable levels of behaviour.

We are fortunate at St Nicholas to have a body of children, who for the majority of the time, take responsibility for their behaviour, are forgiving and willing to help those, who at times, find things difficult. We are proud of this ethos and would welcome your support in maintaining and strengthening it. Thank you.

Shoebboxes

This year we are supporting the Rotary Shoebox scheme who donates to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines. Your child will be bringing a leaflet home with full details. If you would like to fill a shoebox we do have a supply of empty boxes in the school office. All filled shoe boxes should be returned back to school by Wednesday, 4th November.

WALL OF FAME!

Class Cups



Connor	Ruen
Ted	Lilly H
Sophia	Elsbeth
Antoni	Josie
Carrie	Archie
Millie C	Annabel

MATHS MASTERS



Bella	Beth
Ruby	Annalise
Adam	Charlotte G
Lewis P	Ava
Apple	Alfie
Noah	Natty Q
Oliver H	Shannon

And finally... sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Cowley on Friday. She will undoubtedly be missed and we wish her every happiness in the future. We have appointed Mrs Der, who previously worked at St Osmonds Middle School. She will be joining Oaks class after half term and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the school.

It has been a particularly eventful half term and I'd like to thank everyone for their support. I wish you all a relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best Wishes,

Tracy Maley (Headteacher)

On a day to day basis the school is run by the Head teacher and staff. They are held to account by the Governing Body. If you wish to contact the governors concerning a school related issue or are interested in being a governor please contact our clerk Robert Wellen robertwellen@btinternet.com

Chair of Governors: Liz Sims Vice – chair – Richard Brace Parent Governor – Lisa Cowley