

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

October 2017

## Vision Statement

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



### DATES

#### 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017:

Parent Consultations  
Acorns, Chestnuts, Willows  
& Ash 2pm – 6:00pm

#### 19<sup>th</sup> October:

Harvest Festival 2:30pm in  
School. Please send any  
donations in to school from  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

#### Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: INSET DAY

#### Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October: Individual/Family Photos

#### 8<sup>th</sup> November:

Open Morning for new  
parents.

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Forum 6-7pm

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: KS2 Glow Disco

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> November:

Book Fair – details to follow

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> November:

Year 5 Residential (Leeson  
House)

#### **New Date** Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

#### December:

KS2 Carol Service 6:30 (tbc)

Please visit our website:

[www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) to view dates

### Bikeability

Our KS2 children have been taking part in the national cycle training scheme **Bikeability**, which is funded by the Department for Transport. The training has been expertly delivered by Dilys Gartside.

Our younger KS2 children have completed the Level 1 training, which teaches the children to control and master a bike.

Those taking the **Level 2** course have ventured onto local roads, giving them a real cycling experience that equips them with skills to deal with traffic on short journeys.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the training. They have honed their skills and their confidence has soared.

Many thanks to Dilys, for her time and expertise; the children learnt a great deal and had tremendous fun in the process!



Here are some of the children's comments:

*"It was really fun!"*

*"I felt safe on the road"*

*"I've gained lots of confidence"*

*"Dilys was a brilliant teacher"*

### Fundraising

Our Sponsored Bounce raised approximately £1100. This has helped to fund our new maths scheme: Maths No Problem. Thank you.

Our Crazy Sock Day raised **£148.16** for **MOSAIC**. Thank you. Your generosity and support for such events is greatly appreciated.

Our next planned PTFA event is our KS2 Glow Disco on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Details will be sent out after half term.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 2:30 pm in School.**

Children in **OAKS** will be leading the Harvest Festival Service this year. All donations will be going to the Women's Refuge in Blandford. All donations gratefully received. We hope you will be able to join us. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## PTFA

Introducing the 2017 -2018 PTFA Committee

Chair: Tanya Mason Flynn  
Vice- Chair: Mary - Jane James  
Treasurer: Carol Wee  
Secretary: Katie Moreton

We are always looking for people to join our hard working and friendly PTFA. If you are happy to help at events please email the office. [office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

### Health and Safety

Both school and The Ark continue to monitor the traffic entering the school at both drop off and pick up. We are pleased to report that the vast majority of parents have continued to park and drive respectfully. Please help us to keep our community safe by: driving slowly when entering the school grounds, keeping children under close supervision and using the path -if children see adults cutting across the car park, they will undoubtedly follow.

To keep traffic to a minimum we are still asking parents to park outside the school and walk in.

Please do not use the disabled spaces between the **8:30** and **9:15** and **2:45** and **3:45**. Parking on the yellow zig zags outside the school gates is also illegal and increases the risk to our children, as does parking in front of the entrance to The Ark.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS CUP WINNERS!**



**Acorns: Kara & Jaxon**

**Chestnuts: Woody & Amelia M**

**Willows: Rosie & Indie**

**Ash: Jasmine & William**

**Acers: Lauren & Scarlet**

**Oaks: Maisy and Dylan**

### **SPORT**

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the first sporting fixture of the year.

They participated in our Pyramid Tag-rugby Tournament. Both William Barnes and St Nicholas were joint first at the end of the tournament, having drew with each other and won all their other games. Therefore first place was decided on goal difference, and William Barnes had scored 4 more tries than us. Congratulations to William Barnes and well done to all those children who represented our school. You played brilliantly, displaying great determination, resilience and sportsmanship. We are very proud of you.

## REQUESTS

### Acorns outside space

Miss Ireland is very keen to develop the outside provision for our Reception children and is looking for 3-4 Tractor Tyres.

If you can help please let the office know: [office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)



Thank you.

## **Attendance**

Whole School Target 2017-2018: 97.1% Currently Whole School Percentage: 98% 😊

Well done to ALL THE CHILDREN in Acers class whose attendance has been outstanding from September.

Every Friday we publish the attendance results of each class, on the Home page of our website: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to make attendance at St Nicholas the best it can be! Together we can make a real difference!

**And finally...**it has been a very busy and successful half - term. The children have had a wealth of opportunities, including a performance of 'Charlotte Web' by M& M theatre; many thanks to the PTFA for funding this.

All the children have been working incredibly hard and making great progress in all aspects of their learning. Our youngest children (Acorns) have been AMAZING and taken to school life like ducklings to water! Our oldest children (Year 6) are also displaying great commitment and responsibility. Mrs Salisbury has given them all jobs, which they are executing with great pride. THANK YOU!

The enthusiasm and boundless energy that abounds the classrooms and corridors at St Nicholas on a daily basis is infectious. If I could bottle it, I'd be a very wealthy woman indeed!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children for all their support and hard work, this half term. Your behaviour and positive attitude to your learning is fabulous - keep it up!

Thank to all the staff for their continued commitment to providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for the children and to the governors, parents, volunteers and friends of the school, who have contributed so much already. Every week, Jessica and Amelia (in Year 6) are posting a thought for the week on the children's notice board. I thought I'd end by sharing their initial post, as it embodies the spirit of St Nicholas: *'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.'* (Mother Theresa)

Wishing you a very happy and relaxing half term with your children. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. (**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> is an INSET DAY**)

Best Wishes, Tracy Maley Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

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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: Rev Lydia Cook Vice Chair of Governors: Elizabeth Sims

### Some Snaps from the half -term!

