

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

SUMMER TERM

April 2016

Vision Statement

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term at St Nicholas. The children have quickly settled back into the routine and are enjoying their learning.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Alex who has joined Y6 and his family. Thank you to all the children who have helped him to feel welcome.

It looks to be another busy and exciting term and we all look forward to your continued support as we navigate our way through it!

DATE REMINDERS First Half Term

Thursday 21st - Parent Forum 6-7pm - All Welcome.

Thursday 21st April - 3:30 - Weymouth Information Session YEAR 6 Parents

Friday 22nd April - **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 9AM**

Friday 22nd - KS1 Dance

Saturday 30th April - Ground Hog Group 9-1pm

May 4th May - PHOTOS -Class Groups (CHANGE OF DATE)

May 9th - 13th - Year 6 SATS tests

17th - 20th May - Year 6 Weymouth Residential

May 18th - Year 5 trip to Poole Lighthouse to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
(Letter to follow shortly)

May 19th - Representatives from Year 4 - Tennis tournament

May 23rd - Year 6 Cricket tournament (Gryphon)

Parent information evening regarding NSPCC assemblies - 3:00-3:20 (further information included overleaf)

May 25th - Sports Day

May 26th - Reserve Sports Day

Half Term - Monday 30th - Friday 3rd June

6th June - **INSET DAY**

7TH JUNE - first day back after Half Term

We endeavour to post new dates on the website so please refer to the 'Events Page' on a regular basis. Thank you.



Reverend Lydia has asked if I could draw your attention to the following Services.

“ALLSORTS”

A service for children with special needs, their parents and Carers

Shillingstone Church Centre

First Sunday of every month (starts May 1st)

3.30 – 4.30pm

A half hour service of songs, readings, talk and prayers, followed by refreshments.

- ✓ Ample parking
- ✓ Wheelchair access
- ✓ fully inclusive setting
- ✓ quiet room
- ✓ a warm welcome!

'Rogation Sunday Service' - Sunday 1st May 10.30am

This is a service where we walk the parish and give thanks to God for his creation and blessings to us in our village. Please bring your wellies! Hope lots of you will be able to join us.

Reverend Lydia

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe is our top priority at St Nicholas and we appreciate all you do in helping us to achieve this.

On the **24th May** we have invited members of the NSPCC Schools Service to lead two 30 minute assemblies, one to KS1 (Reception - Year 2) and the other to KS2 (Y3-6) The theme of these presentations is '**Speak Out. Stay Safe**' and all the material is age appropriate.

Following the KS2 assembly children in Year 5 and 6 will have an additional workshop, to further explore the issues around staying safe. Parents are also invited to attend a brief information session on the **23rd May at 3:00- 3:20**, where the NSPCC will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

A letter will be sent out nearer the time . In the meantime, please add these dates to your diaries. Thank you for your continued support .

Ground Hog Group - Saturday 30th April 9-1pm

As a community we have been working hard to improve our outside environment and replace our large playground equipment. Our youngest children are now enjoying the new sandpit and low level climbing frames and we almost have enough funds to start replacing our larger playground equipment. Thank you for all your support and generosity to date.

Our Ground Hog Group have also helped to develop our 'Forest Skills' Area and are planning to meet again on **Saturday 30th April** for a morning of digging, weeding, planting, repositioning fences and cooking sausages! We would welcome as many helping hands as possible between 9-1 pm. Please let the office know if you are willing and available! Lunch will be provided. Thank you for your continued support.

At St Nicholas we constantly strive to be the best we can be and rely on your feedback to confirm what we are doing right and what we could do better. We would welcome you spending a few minutes to complete the attached parent questionnaire. If you prefer to do this electronically you can follow the link on our website :

www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk. Click on the **Parent** tab on the top toolbar and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the link '**Parent View**'. Registering is very simple and it should only take a few moments to complete. Many thanks for your time and support with this .

And finally ... I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Thorne all the best for her wedding on Saturday 30th April to Adrian. We wish them both a lovely day and long and happy future together.



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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
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