

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

June 2017

Vision Statement

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

DATES

19th, 21st and 22nd

June -Year 3
attending Literacy
Festival at Hanford

21st June -Year 6 End
of Year Service
Salisbury Cathedral

22nd June Rounders
Tournament 3:30 - 5.00
at St Nicholas

24th June (Saturday)
Ground Hog 9am

28th June - Musical
Evening 6pm

29th June; Aquathon
at William Barnes

29th June - Musical
assembly 9am (*Mrs
Velazquez has sent out
letters to those involved*)

30th June - Year 6
visiting Millbrook
House

3rd -7th July -Arts
Week - *more information to
follow*

4th July - Year 4
singing day at St
Nicholas

6th July - Induction
Day

What a fabulous start to our final few weeks of term!

Tennis

Our Year 4 tennis team achieved 2nd and 3rd place in the North Dorset Championships. There are 42 schools in North Dorset so this is a fabulous achievement. Congratulations to: Annalise, Trystan, Charley, Amelia, Archie, Reuben, Scarlet and Rylea.

Our 2nd place team will now progress to the Dorset finals in a couple of weeks' time so watch this space!

Cricket

Eight Y5 and 6 boys attended the North Dorset Cricket tournament in Sherborne. The team showed fantastic athletic ability whilst fielding and took some exceptional catches. We finished 5th place out of 18 schools. Everyone is to be commended for fantastic team spirit, determination and resilience. Congratulations to Freddy D-F, Joshua B, Adam H, Roy A-G, Joseph R, Freddie P, Harry F and Archie D

Athletics Tournament

We also recently competed in the Sturminster Newton Athletics Tournament. Once again the children displayed real team spirit, determination and resilience. We came 1st in the throwing and long jump and 2nd overall! Congratulations to all children who took part - we are immensely proud of you!

Those children who achieved 1st in an event will also compete in the Dorset Games in two weeks time. Good luck!



Congratulations to Sophia Crabb who was selected to represent the South West of England in the Tumbling Regional finals in Birmingham last weekend. Sophia was placed 5th out of the whole country and will now compete in the national finals in 3 weeks time. This is a prestigious event in the world of gymnastics. We are so proud of you Sophia and will watch your progress with interest! Good Luck!

Attendance Results this month

Whole School Attendance May 2017: **96.6 %** (our target is 98%)

We have seen a rise in requests for holidays during term time and this having a negative impact on our overall attendance. As our Attendance Policy (www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) states we can only grant leave in 'Exceptional' circumstances and unfortunately this does not include 'normal family holidays'

Please help us to maintain a good attendance record and reach our target of 98%, which would put us in the outstanding category.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Community

Our value this half term is 'Friendship 'and in light of recent events it seems fitting that we reflect on the importance of this value. We have seen first-hand, how communities are strengthened when they come together in friendship, despite their differences, and the good that can come of this.

At St Nicholas we actively seek opportunities for the children and our school to get involved and support community events such as those listed below!

Hey Day

Many thanks to all the children that took part in Hey Day on Saturday. What a lovely community event. The children sang and danced beautifully in front of a very appreciative audience. They had lots of fun and were a joy to watch!

Clayesmore KS1 Choral Day

Our youngest choir participated in the Clayesmore Choral Day on the 6th June. There were only eight of them but they sang beautifully and made everyone so proud! Well done: Edith, Esther, Ella, Caitlin, Abigail, Hadley, Chloe & Maisie.

GROUND HOG

Saturday 24th June 9:00 -1:00

If you can spare some time on Saturday to help rub down the tables under the pergola and in some cases, replace the tops please email Mrs Hanson: office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk

This is quite a big job so the more the merrier! As the saying goes: many hands make light work!

If you have particular skills in the DYI, carpentry area, your advice and support would be valued, prior to this date and on the day too!

The Ark Child Okeford 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Just a reminder -The Ark Child Okeford is celebrating **50 years** since its inception in 1967 with a Family Tea Party on the afternoon of **Saturday 8th July 2017 from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.**

The current staff and committee would love as many former parents, children, committee members and staff to join them and current parents and children in their celebration this summer.

Please contact The Ark on 01258 861007 or thearkchildokeford@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to attend and/or have any old photographs or other memorabilia from years gone by.

Year 6 Youth Club Sessions

6th Form Centre at Sturminster Newton High School (former Youth Centre)

Thursday (6pm -7:30 pm)

All sessions £1:00

For more information contact Dawn.

Email : sturyouthclub@gmail.com

Mobile: 07432898003

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS CUP WINNERS!

Acorns: Max & Lucy

Chestnuts: David & Christian

Willows: Lydia & Edith

Ash: Lauren & Poppy

Acers: Rylea & Harry H

Oaks: Bella P & Harry F



At the end of last term we held our annual sports day. It once again brought with it displays of courage and determination.

Congratulations to our...

Marathon winners: Bela Perez, Amy Frampton, Adam Hall, Archie Downie, Ollie Drudge, Lydia Weeks.

Excellence Cup Winner: Sophia Crabb

Runner Up: Adam Hall

Sports Personality Champions: Roy Alony- Gilboa, Adam Hall, Faith Revell

Runner up: Isabela Perez.

Congratulations to all children for competing with such amazing spirit and for achieving so many personal glories!

Isabella Mason Flynn

Congratulations to all those who submitted art work for Hey Day and to those who picked up prizes: Natty Q, Joseph R. Beth, Harry F, James G & Ewan.



Classes and staffing 2017-18

From September 2017, KS1 will be organised into 3 discrete classes: Reception, Y1, Y2. KS2 children (due to numbers) will be arranged into three mixed -aged classes: Y3/4, Y4/5 and Y5/6. I will shortly be sending out letters to all parents who have children in the current Y2-5 classes, to notify them of their child(ren)'s class(es) and explain the organisation in more detail.

Before half term we interviewed for Mr Friese - Greene's replacement but did not appoint. We aim to advertise the post again shortly, with the aim of appointing in January 2018.

In the meantime, our current teaching staff will all be full time from September- December, reverting back to part-time if we make a successful appointment in January. We have carefully, considered the implications of this and are confident our arrangements will cause minimal disruption and indeed enhance our provision, particularly in KS2. For example, once we have appointed, Mrs Salisbury, who will be Oaks class teacher from September, will continue to support the year 5 & 6 children (as she has so successfully done this year), working alongside the newly appointed teacher. Consequently, this will result in there being 4 teachers to support the three KS2 classes, four mornings a week; I would job-share with Mrs Ferguson in Year 3. The skills and knowledge of our existing staff put us in the enviable position of having the time and resources to carefully consider this key position, without compromising the quality of our provision for the children. I have attached is a staff list for your information. Thank you for your continued support.

Church News

July 9th 10.30am - Family Friendly Messy Church at St Nicholas Church

July 15th Afternoon tea and bell chamber tours at St Nicholas 2 - 4pm

July 30th 10.30am - Family Friendly Messy Communion at St Nicholas Church

Everyone welcome to Everything! Rev Lydia

And finally, ... the children continue to work really hard and have made very pleasing progress across the school. The Maths No Problem scheme that we implemented in Year 1 has proved to be very successful so from September we will be extending this into Years 2 and 3.

The Read, Write, Inc (RWI) scheme that we introduced across KS1 has also positively impacted; we are delighted with the progress the children have made – it has really given them the tools to write with greater independence and accuracy.

However, despite these successes we will, as part of our rigorous self- review cycle, be reviewing the schemes and adapting them accordingly, to ensure they have the maximum impact. Next year we will be inviting parents in to watch these sessions in action , so you gain a deeper understanding of how they work and how you can support your child at home .

Best Wishes ,

Tracy Maley Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

Mrs Carpenter -marioncarpenter@btinternet.com (Willows);

Mrs Andrew - rachel@juddstransport.com (Ash);

Mrs Tonks -samtonks@hotmail.co.uk(Acers);

Mrs Sharples -helenno58@aol.com (Acers);

Mrs Belbahi -mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com (Oaks)

Mrs Rigler –hannahrigler@hscb.com or hannah.rigler@homecall.co.uk (Oaks)

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: Oliver Davis