

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

May 2017

Vision Statement

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



DATES

4th May - Class Group and staff photos 8:30 - 12:00

4th May - Election for Headteacher for a Day

4th May - Girls Football Festival 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

5th May: Vale Voices Concert

6th May - SATURDAY - Ground Hog - 9:00-1:00

8th May - 12 May - KS2 SATS tests

16th -19th May - Weymouth Residential Year 6

23rd May - Chestnuts Trip to Lorton Meadows

24th May - Sports Day

25th May - Reserve Sports Day

26th May - Year 4 Cricket at Bryanston

Half Term: Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June: INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th June: First Day Back.

Tuesday, 6th June - E-safety Training Years 3-6, including Parent Workshop 3:15pm

Dear Parents,

What a lovely first week back we've had; the children were full of bounce and raring to go after their Easter break. They've produced some amazing work. Years 1-6 elected a candidate to stand for the 'Headteacher for a Day' position and Year 5 have begun to prepare for the forthcoming General Election! We have decided to hold a snap election of our own; Year 5 will be representing all the main political parties and aim to spend the next few weeks canvassing and campaigning.

On June 8th, the whole school will be voting for their favourite political party and comparing our results with that of the country! We will keep you posted on their progress.

St George's Day Art Competition - There is still time to enter!

As part of our St George's Day Celebrations we are holding a Dragon Drawing Competition!

There are 3 categories

- Reception and Year 1
- Year 2,3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6

Deadline for Dragon Pictures

12th May

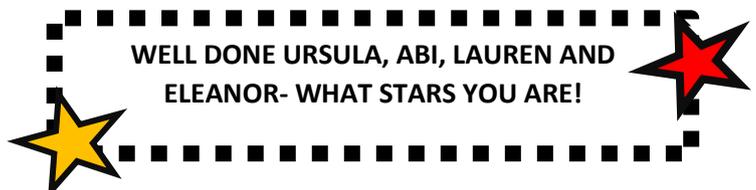
The children can use paint, pencil, pastels, collage or mixed media; the more creative the better! **There are some lovely prizes to be won!**

Thank you to the 'Hambleton Harpies' – our four brilliant mums who took part in the 'Ultra Isle of Wight Challenge', on Friday 29th April; they walked 66 miles in 24 hours, with the aim of raising £500 pounds for our school. Their total so far is £706! We can't thank them enough for their efforts! Please follow the link below if you would like to read their story and sponsor them. Thank you to everyone who has supported them to date – we really appreciate your generosity and feel very blessed to be so well supported by our community.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ursula-taxisHambletonHarpies>



WELL DONE URSULA, ABI, LAUREN AND ELEANOR- WHAT STARS YOU ARE!



Attendance Results this month

Whole School Attendance April 2017: **96.7 %** (our target is 98%)

We reviewed our Attendance Policy in March 2017 and it has been posted on our website:

www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk You will find it on the Homepage - About Us - Policies; please take a moment to read it. Many thanks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure the children are wearing school uniform, including appropriate footwear. I have copied the information from our school website to help clarify things:

School Uniform

Please make sure that everything is named with nametapes, not pen which fades and becomes illegible.

Our uniform is a burgundy sweatshirt or a cardigan, embroidered with the school's logo.

Dark grey trousers (no leggings please) /skirts with white polo tops complement the sweatshirts or cardigans. Red gingham dresses and can be worn in warmer weather.

We prefer traditional styles for shoes, as they are safer for children.

Please could you make sure children wear plain grey, black or white socks.

We also have a smart and practical school fleece for warmer weather and a waterproof jacket for winter.

(All of these items can be ordered from the school office)

Long hair should be tied back

No elaborate hair accessories.

No make-up!

Stud earrings only.

In the Summer Term, we also ask children to bring in a named hat to protect them from the summer sun. Sun cream should be applied before school.

I hope this clarifies things. Thank you for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS CUP WINNERS!

Acorns: Tilly & George

Chestnuts: Phoebe & Antoni

Willows: Harry H & Isabelle

Ash: James & Georgina

Acers: George & Harry B

Oaks: Harry W & Joseph



Headteacher Candidates

Chestnuts: Hadley

Willows: Beth

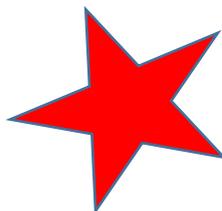
Ash: Evie

Acers: Lily

Oaks

Year 5: Maisy

Year 6: Freddy De Ferry Foster



GROUND HOG

Saturday 6th June 9:00 -1:00

If you can spare some time on Saturday to help us tidy and improve our grounds, we would be very grateful. We need to tidy the Spiritual Garden, empty the planter, weed and secure the sails! Please email the office with your contact details, if you can help:

office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk

We have just purchased new tools for the children but are still short of adult tools so if you are able to bring your own that would be helpful too!

Lunch will be provided round the campfire! Hope to see you there.

Safeguarding

We have booked e-safety training for Years 3 -6 on **Tuesday 6th June**. This will be led by the Dorset County Council's Safer Schools Team. They will deliver age appropriate workshops to the children on how to use the internet and social media appropriately. We have also organised a parent workshop at 3:15; historically this hasn't been well attended. Whilst I appreciate it might be a difficult time for working parents, I would encourage you to attend if you can. We are offering this workshop to **ALL** our parents, so if your children are currently in Reception – Year 2, please come along if you can.

I would be grateful if you could let Mrs Hanson know if you will be attending so we have some idea of numbers.

In the meantime, you will find guidance on how to keep your child safe on the internet, on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk **Homepage – Safeguarding.**

We ALL have a responsibility to safeguard our children; if you have any concerns regarding a child or our safeguarding procedures please contact the following people or organisations.

Mrs Maley: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Salisbury: Deputy DSL

Mrs Carol Wee or Mrs Sims – Designated Safeguarding Governors; you can contact them by emailing our clerk Robert Wellen: robertwellen@btinternet.com

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Hub 01305 221122.

And finally ... our value this half term is 'TRUST'. As you know this is one of our school's core values and it permeates all we do. Through exploring its meaning and significance with the children, we hope to deepen their understanding of its importance and thus strengthen our relationships and ethos. Having trust in ourselves and each other helps us to overcome fear and hatred; it helps us to take risks, solve problems and truly listen to each other. As Thomas Moore once said:

"We need people in our lives with whom we can be as open as possible. To have real conversations with people may seem like such a simple, obvious suggestion, but it involves courage and risk."

At St Nicholas School, we work hard to foster a learning environment that encourages such risks by developing positive relationships, based on Love, Trust and Hope. Our children face a rapidly changing and increasingly challenging world that poses some big questions. We look forward to working with you to ensure they develop the ability and confidence to explore some of the answers!

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@hsbc.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

