

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

## September 2016

### Vision Statement

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



### DATES

Attached to this letter are 'Dates for the Year 2016 -2017'. We have also posted these on our EVENTS page: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk).

We will update this page throughout the year and notify you of any date changes or additions via text messages and newsletters.

### Governors

We held our first Governors Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September and below is a message from our newly elected Chair, Reverend Lydia Cook.

*I am very pleased to have been given the privilege of chairing the School's governing body and I look forward to deepening my relationship with everyone involved with the school. As Rector of a benefice with 3 church schools, I have a good insight into the pressures of managing a village church school and I hope very much to build up the mutual support between school, church and community. Our children are the future for all these things, and giving them the best of all environments is good for them and everyone. I am in school every Wednesday morning for Collective worship and am easily recognisable in the give-away uniform!*

Rev Lydia Cook

It was also a pleasure to formally welcome Ewan Brown (our newly elected parent governor) at this meeting. Please visit our Governors Page on the website: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) where you can find out more about Ewan and all our governors, including their individual responsibilities.

The Governing Body are committed to ensuring the school is providing the highest quality of education for our children and appreciate the support of our parental body in helping us to realise our vision, '...to be the best we can be.'

Should you wish to contact the governing body about a school related issue or are interested in becoming a governor yourself, please contact our clerk Robert Wellen: [robertwellen@btinternet.com](mailto:robertwellen@btinternet.com)



### LOST PROPERTY



Please help us by CLEARLY naming uniform, PE kit, book bags and drink bottles. If you discover your child has arrived home with another child's jumper etc. could you, please return it as soon as possible. Thank



## ROAD CLOSURE - STATION ROAD

Last week we received information from Dorset Works that there are plans to resurface Station Road. Work is scheduled to commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, for one week. We contacted Dorset Works to clarify accessibility and were issued with the following information;

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - parents should have full access to the school as the works will start further down the road, towards Haywards Bridge.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** the road will be inaccessible between the hours of 9am and 4pm, although it is hoped that works will be finished by 3pm.

Unfortunately, during the road closure there will be **NO** on- street parking available on Station Road. Access to properties will be maintained but it will be controlled access! I appreciate a lack of on -street parking might tempt people to drive into the school. This would not only increase congestion but heighten the risk of harm to the children. Please help us to keep everyone safe during this period by allowing more time to get the children to school safely.

Whilst Dorset Works hope the works will be completed within the timeframe, adverse weather conditions, and equipment failure could cause delays.

We will endeavour to keep you updated.

Thank you for your support.

### Safeguarding

Thank you to all those who have returned slips indicating their permission for photos of the children to be included on our website. Thank you also to those who have discussed safer internet use with their children. Please be reassured that all our staff sign a Staff Code of Conduct and strictly adhere to all policies relating to safeguarding. These can be found on our Policies page on our website:

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

Please also take a moment to look at our [Safeguarding Page](#), where you will find lots of useful information for parents from the Safer Schools Team.

### Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Firstly, many thanks for supporting our annual sponsored bounce! The sun shone, the children giggled and funds were raised -thank you!

Our PFTA do a fantastic job but we desperately need some new recruits. As the saying goes – ‘MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK’, so if you can spare some time and would like to get involved please come along to the PTFA’s Annual General Meeting on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, form new friendships and become part of a very committed and supportive group. It is undoubtedly hardworking but extremely rewarding too!

If you are interested in joining but can’t make this meeting, please let Mrs Hanson know and she will pass on your details.

Hope to see lots of you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!



# HALL OF FAME

## Class Cups



### Congratulations to...

**All of Acorns** for settling so well and Amelia M

**Chestnuts:** David and Chloe

**Willow:** Harriet and Crystal

### Congratulations to...

**Ash:** Emma and Carrie

**Acers:** Amelia and Nati M-F

**Oaks:** Toby and Jessica E

**GROUND HOG GROUP** - Calling all gardening enthusiasts to join our Ground Hog Group. We aim to meet half termly to work on improving our grounds. We are due to meet next on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, to work on our Spiritual Garden. Lunch is provided and cooked in our Forest Skills area. Please let Mrs Hanson know if you can join us.



**Parent Forums**- Your views are very important to us and throughout the year we provide opportunities for you to share these with us through parent consultations, informal meetings, questionnaires and our termly Parent Forums. Everyone is welcome to these meetings but if you are unable to attend we have a parent representative for each class, who will be happy to represent your views in your absence. Our existing reps and their contact details are listed below. We currently have no parent representative for Acorns or Chestnuts. If you are interested in becoming your class representative, please contact Mrs Hanson and we will include your details in the next newsletter -thank you. Dates for the Parent Forums can be found on the attached 'Dates for the Year 2016-17'.

**Current Parent Representatives** : Mrs Carpenter -[marioncarbecomingpenter@btinternet.com](mailto:marioncarbecomingpenter@btinternet.com) ( Willows ); Mrs Andrew -[rachel@juddstransport.com](mailto:rachel@juddstransport.com) (Ash); Mrs Tonks -[samtonks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:samtonks@hotmail.co.uk)( Acers ); Mrs Sharples -[helenno58@aol.com](mailto:helenno58@aol.com)( Acers ); Mrs Belbahi -[mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com](mailto:mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com) (Oaks) Mrs Rigler -[hannahrigler@hsbc.com](mailto:hannahrigler@hsbc.com) or [hannah.rigler@homecall.co.uk](mailto:hannah.rigler@homecall.co.uk) (Oaks)

**And finally** ... the children have settled back incredibly well and are working extremely hard. We have been really impressed by our youngest children, many of whom are coming into school independently already. This helps the staff and children to start their day calmly and helps to establish good routines.

We expect the highest standards of behaviour at St Nicholas and promote high expectations of ourselves and others. Thank you for helping to nurture these attitudes and attributes amongst our children and thank you for continuing to support your children's learning at home. We really do see a dramatic difference between those children who receive daily reading and time tables practise at home and those that don't. Short bursts of regular input have a great impact.

During my learning walks this half term I have been focusing on the behaviour and learning attitudes of the children. I have been visiting classrooms to look at how well the children are entering the classroom in the mornings and after breaks? Are they settling quickly? Taking responsibility? Does their work (including homework) indicate a good attitude? Are they aspiring to be the best they can be? I am pleased to report that the vast majority of children have a fantastic work ethic and are demonstrating a real desire to do their very best! Well done!

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can make a real difference!

Best Wishes

Tracy Maley (Headteacher)