

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

February 2018

Vision Statement

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



DATES

Thursday 1st March:
World Book Day.

Theme: Fairy Tales

1st March: Family
Support Day

Friday 2nd March: M &
M theatre will be
performing *The Secret
Garden* (This has been
funded by the PTA)

KS1 Disco: 4:30 pm

16th March - Parent
Forum 8:45 - 9:30 (No
Celebration Assembly)
ALL WELCOME

19th March - Sports
Relief Week- more
details to follow shortly

21st March - Parent
Consultations - Oaks and
Acers 8:30 - 6.30 pm

Saturday 24th March -
Vintage Tea Party -
PTFA Event

27th SEND Parent
Consultations

27th March Ash Play
6.00 pm

28th March Parent
Consultations Ash,
Willows, Chestnuts and
Acorns - 1.30 pm to
6.00 pm

CHANGE OF DATE -
Sports Day is now on
the 5th June 2018

Welcome back

The children have returned from their half term break full of energy and a thirst to learn.

The Arts featured heavily, with Oaks and Acorns participating in a joint art project and producing some fabulous masks inspired by Picasso.

Our KS2 choir took part in the Clayesmore Choral Day on Thursday alongside several other Dorset schools. They sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. The concert was very memorable - an awe and wonder moment that will be remembered for some time to come.

Oaks and Acers enjoyed a trip to the Ancient Technology Centre, which was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. Chestnuts also enjoyed a trip to the church as part of their topic on Pilgrimages. They wrote some lovely prayers that Rev Lydia was happy to receive.

Ash class has been throwing themselves into their Roman topic and produced some excellent writing last week, persuading me that invading Britain was a very good idea. They have also been busy learning scripts and singing songs for their up and coming play. It goes without saying that the excitement is already building! (Should anyone be able to lend us **named** check or tartan throws/rugs/small blankets to serve as Celts' cloaks, we would be very grateful.)

We also hosted an RE conference last week, with several keynote speakers from a range of faiths. Our Year 6 were given they responsibility to 'meet and greet' and were highly praised by all involved in the conference. Thank you for giving up your time to help Mrs Ferguson and make everyone feel welcome. We are very proud of you!

Severe Weather Warning!

We do everything we can to avoid closing the school in the event of severe weather. However, we are mindful of the safety of our pupils and staff and, should it be necessary to close the school, the procedure is as follows:

Dorset County Council will notify local radio stations and publish a list of closures on their website. Parents should listen to the local radio or log on to:

<https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/closedservices>, where you will find a definitive list of schools which are closed.

In the unlikely event that the school has to close during the school day, parents will be informed via the school's text messaging service.

Hall of Fame- Class Cup Winners!

Acorns: Ella & Chloe

Chestnuts: Molly, Jacob & Thomas

Willows: Phoebe, Taylor & Abigail

Ash: Harry, Beth & Alfie

Acers: Nathan, Tiffany & Brody

Oaks: Archie, Jess & Tristan



PTFA Events

Mother's Day (Sunday 11th March). 'Sweet Pea' is kindly donating a beautiful flower arrangement. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter. If you would like a chance to win this wonderful gift, please return tickets and monies in a sealed envelope, clearly named, by **8th March**. The raffle will be drawn in Celebration Assembly on **Friday 9th March**.

Vintage Tea Party - delicious sandwiches and cakes served to you on the very best china!

When: Saturday 24th March

Theme: Centenary of the end of WW1.

One of our ex-pupils (Sophie Revell) will be singing and we sincerely hope many of you will be able to join us. Further information will follow shortly.

And finally... we are welcoming many more parents to our celebration assemblies on Friday morning, since we introduced the idea of classes showcasing their work. Thank you.

This Friday (**2nd March**) representatives from each class will be showing work they have produced based on their chosen fairy tale. Once again we hope many of you will be able to join us. The children love it when there is a packed house and it provides you with a little flavour of their week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Tracy Maley Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

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On a day -to -day basis the school is run by the Headteacher 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;

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Joint Chair of Governors: Rev Lydia Cook and Carol Wee.