

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

29 February 2016

## Vision statement

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

## Reminders

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Cross Country 3:30 at **Shillingstone Primary** (separate letters have gone out)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** \_ Heather Chamberlain (a local author) will be visiting our school and working with each class. **Parents are invited to a brief assembly at 2:45 pm so you can share in what the children have experienced throughout the day.** To find out more about her recent publication please visit:

[www.happybottombooks.co.uk](http://www.happybottombooks.co.uk)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - 'World Book Day' - Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from Alice in Wonderland. We are holding a **'MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY'** at **2:30 pm** for all the children. **If any parents are available from 1:30 pm to help set this up, please let Mrs Hanson know.** Thank you.

**Designing a hat for the Mad Hatter** - we have had some **MAGNIFICENT** entries for this competition - **THANK YOU!** There is still time to get creative if you wish to but all entries must be in school by 3:15 pm on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - M&M Theatre will be performing '*Alice in Wonderland*' for the whole school at 1:30 pm. The PTFA have agreed to subsidise this performance but to help us meet the full cost, we are asking for a small donation of £3:00 per child or £5:00 per family. Please complete and return the attached slip no later than **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016** - **Mothering Sunday Service** at **School at 10:30am** - All welcome! There will be posies for the mums and refreshments following the service. Please complete and return the attached slip no later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.** **THANK YOU!**

**Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>** - ASH will be performing, *Alice in Wonderland*. Performances are at **2pm** and **6pm**.

**Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Acers will be performing '*Wind in the Willows*'. (2pm & 6pm)

We are proud of the opportunities we provide for the children to experience live theatre, either as a spectator or participant. As well as KS2 plays, some of our children recently performed in the Child Okeford pantomime; (Dick Whittington) The panto was performed in our school hall during half term. It was a real village event, with over 40 people involved in the creation of the panto and with just over 200 people attending! The reviews have been fabulous and the children were highly praised. Such events help to strengthen our links with the community and are instrumental in developing the children's confidence and ability to express themselves. It also strengthens the whole community and I would like to thank Sammy Upton (who directed the panto) and everyone involved, for embracing our school and providing such valuable opportunities for the children.



A couple of memories from  
the Pantomime!

## MUSIC

Last week our KS2 choir also participated in the Choral day at Clayesmore. They sang beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Mr Blake and Mrs Horner who did such a great job of preparing term for this event. Thank you also to Mr Smith who led the day and organised transport.



## HALL OF FAME

**Class Cup Winners** - Logan , Caitlin , Emma A , Shannon , Lewis P , Bradley , Ella , Sophia , Anna, Keira , Josh B , Charlotte , Jeremy , Joseph K , Julia , Harry B , Amy , Oliver A

**Maths Masters** - Taylor , Finn, Carrie , George , Daniel , Lucy B , Lily , Connor , Jasmine , James , Tristan E , Joseph R , Kristina , Harry F , Sam , Sophie , Freddie D , Keira , Roy , Amelie W

### Congratulations also to:

**Henry M ( Y6)** for his achievements in Diving ; all the children who came second in the Dorset Small Schools Indoor Athletics Competition ; all those who were awarded trophies a recent dance competition- WHAT A TALENTED BUNCH YOU ARE!

Thank you very much to everyone who bought cakes and gave kind donations at my sale on Friday. I raised an amazing £110 which will go to Mosaic.

They support children like me who have lost a close family member and rely on donations to provide activities for us to help deal with our loss.

With this money they will be able to help other children like me. Lauren - Willows

Thank you also to the PTFA, Mr Blake, Miss Ireland and other volunteers who organised and ran the KS1 Sports Disco on Friday. What a lovely event this was, with lots of enthusiastic dancing and singing! Happy memories were made!



And finally ...Our **VALUE** this half term is **COMPASSION**. Through Collective Worship and PSHE (Personal, Social and Emotion Education) we will be exploring God's compassion for His people and reflecting on the ways our community shows kindness and respect towards others. We will also be helping children to develop their ability to empathise, in order to fully understand and respond appropriately to one another's needs.

As part of our display on Compassion, we would like the children to bring in examples of stories that illustrate this value. They can be examples from the local, national or international news or from their own personal experience. They could also write a short story or poem that illustrates compassion if they wish to or illustrate it through a piece of art. I look forward to receiving these.

Best Wishes

Tracy Maley (Head teacher)

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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](mailto:robertwellen@btinternet.com)

Chair of Governors: James Smith Vice Chair of Governors : Carol Wee

**Alice in Wonderland Contribution**

**Please RETURN NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2016**

*Please delete as appropriate*

Name of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed a contribution of: **£3.00/£5.00** towards the cost of the M& M Theatre Company's production on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian

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**Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas CE VA Primary School March 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30**

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Name of Family : \_\_\_\_\_

**We will/ will not be attending the Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas at 10:30.**

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian