

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

April 2018

## Vision Statement

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



### DATES

7<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY

8<sup>th</sup> May – Photos : Class Groups and Leavers

11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Millbrook

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Weymouth

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost Day

Service in Church at 2:45 All welcome. Please collect children from the church

Half term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Return to School

5<sup>th</sup> June -Sports Day Afternoon – letter to follow

5<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Choir – Clayesmore 9:30 -12:00

6<sup>th</sup> June – reserve Sports Day

7<sup>th</sup> June – Family Support Day

8<sup>th</sup> June – Children's Music Concert – Details included in this letter

18<sup>th</sup> June – Sponsored Walk in memory of Mrs Gibbs – Craine – details included in this letter (Reserve date: 20<sup>th</sup> June)

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Hey Day

25<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY

Please visit our Events page: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) to view all dates for the term.

### Welcome back!

We have had a very positive start to the summer term. The children have settled back into the rhythm of school life and continue to work hard. My frequent visits to classrooms never fail to leave me feeling humbled and very proud. The standard of work the children produce and the resilience and enthusiasm they exhibit is tremendous.

Thank you for your continued support at home - it really does make an enormous difference. Please continue to read to and with your children and help them to learn those all-important times tables too!

Teachers have posted their planning, topic overviews and timetables for the summer term on your child's class page: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) Key objectives for your child's year are outlined in our Key Skills Leaflets.

Our 'Curriculum Page' also offers a wealth of information on how we plan, deliver and assess our curriculum. We have also recently updated our Curriculum Policy so please take a moment to read this too: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

Our Behaviour Policy has also recently been reviewed follow new guidance from the DfE (Department for Education). You will find this on the 'Policy Page' on our school website.

As you know, we expect the highest standards of behaviour at St Nicholas both during the school day and at after school clubs. We work tirelessly to ensure all our children and staff feel safe and happy. Please be assured that the moment poor behaviour or bullying is brought to our attention it is dealt with immediately and monitored by all staff. We welcome your support in helping us to maintain these standards by bringing concerns to our attention and working with us to maintain our inclusive and happy ethos. Together we make a difference. Thank you.

### Health & Safety

Please help us to keep traffic entering the school to a minimum, by parking outside the school gates if possible and walking in. If driving into the school, please be very vigilant and drive slowly (5MPH)

Please **DO NOT** park in the disabled spaces between 8:30 -9:15 and 3:00 and 3:50. Could I also ask that parents refrain from parking in front of The Ark's gates at any time. This causes congestion, increases the risk to our children and blocks access in the event of an emergency. We welcome your support in helping us to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

## Church Events

**PILGRIMS PRAISE** - Sunday 27th May at 10.15am The Exchange in Sturminster. A family friendly service of praise and thanksgiving hosted by all the 18 parishes of the local area and lead by Bishop Karen. All welcome!

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB** - Every Thursday in August, there will be Kids Cuthburga club running in the Shillingstone Church Centre from 10:30am – 12:30pm. Kids Cuthburga has four elements: learning, praying, serving and pilgrimage. There will be plenty of games, quizzes, craft and fun. You are welcome to drop your children at the club or stay. We will be happy to welcome children aged 3-12. Each session costs £2 per child and lunch is provided. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Abi on 07792 727299.

## **MUSIC CONCERT!**

**Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4-6pm      School Hall      Tickets: £5:00 (includes a drink and snack)**

As mentioned in our March Newsletter, we would like to purchase new percussion instruments for the children and our resident guitar teacher, Tom Clements, has kindly offered to help by putting on an exclusive gig for the children at St Nicholas Primary School on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

Tom is a professional performer, who regularly gigs with The Clementynes. We are extremely grateful to him for giving his time free, to support us in our quest to improve our musical resources.

Tickets can be purchased via the school office. Please email [office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) or phone 01258 860581 to book.

Be warned – it will be loud!

If you are able to help with this event, please let me know by emailing the school office:  
[office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk) Thank you.



## **A sponsored walk in memory of Lorna Gibbs 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (Reserve date: 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE)**

As you know, Lorna Gibbs sadly lost her battle against cancer in March. Lorna loved the outdoors so we are aiming to do a sponsored walk up Hambledon Hill in her memory. We would like parents, grandparents and friends of the school to accompany so please save the date.

On our return to school we will be serving tea and cakes, another of Lorna's favourite things. I have it on good authority that she was a fabulous baker; Alex's friends have particularly fond memories of her fruit cake!

All monies raised will be going to Cancer Research.

Nearer the time we will be asking for cakes to be baked and lots of volunteers to walk with us and help us to serve tea and cakes on our return. We hope you will be able to join us.

## **Doing their bit to fight Cancer**



Laura Cook (William year 4, Edward year 1) and Carol Wee (Finlay year 4) are taking part in the 100km bike ride through London on the evening of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

They have raised the required funding but are happy to take further donations for this worthy cause.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them luck.



We bid a fond, (if somewhat emotional) farewell to Mrs Hall on Friday. Mrs Hall has helped look after the children at lunchtime for the past 5 years and will be missed by the staff and children. We wish her every happiness for her retirement.

Today we welcomed Karen Howard onto our Lunchtime Team. Ms Howard was previously a playleader at Archbishop Wake and a lunchtime supervisor at Sherborne. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to St Nicholas.

### Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Sanders!

This week we were delighted to have a visit from Freddie Sanders, accompanied by his proud mother, Mrs Sanders. Freddie is now three weeks old and slept through his entire visit to all the classes! The children were thrilled to see him and Lydia Weeks was inspired to write a poem.

Freddie.

You are so small  
You are so sleepy  
Your head is so soft

You are so small  
You are so pretty  
Your outfit is cute

You are so small  
Your mum is so elegant  
You're the best in the world

We love you.  
By Lydia Weeks



### Attendance

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR SCHOOL TARGET  
– 97.1! WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

The reduction in families taking term time holidays has had a positive impact on our attendance figures and most importantly on maintaining our good rates of progress across the school. Please help us to maintain these high standards by **NOT** taking term time holidays.

4 of our 6 classes have regularly exceeded our school target. Our KS2 classes have had outstanding attendance all year- Well done!

We regularly publish our attendance figures on our website:  
[www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

### Message from Miss Ireland

#### Can you help?

As many of you know, enhancing our outdoor provision for our children, has been a key objective this year. We have purchased a new shed, planters and writing resources for our youngest children.

We also had a large tractor tyre donated by Molly's mum.

We would welcome help with the following:

- Volunteers to help paint the shed
- A donation of large stones, soil and bark chippings to fill the tractor tyre.

Any help will be gratefully received. Please email the school office via email: [office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

Many thanks

Miss Ireland

## Uniform

Hopefully the weather will warm up eventually. Please ensure your child has a named hat in school and sun cream is applied before school.

Red gingham dresses and grey shorts 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. Thank you.

## Hall of Fame- Class Cup Winners!

**Acorns: Rose and Alex**

**Chestnuts: Edward and Lily**

**Willows: Evie and Jacob**

**Ash: Isabelle and Joseph**

**Acers: Lilly and Evie**

**Oaks: Annalise and Amelie**



WELL DONE  
CHILDREN!

## Area Cross Country

The summer term has kicked off in style with over 40 children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 taking part in the annual cross-country relay event at Shillingstone school.

There was a fantastic atmosphere of enthusiasm and team spirit as all competitors gave their best efforts in their respective legs of the races. Our red teams were narrowly beaten in to second place in years 4, 5, and 6 with year 3 coming in a respectable 3rd. Our blue, yellow and green teams also ran well and gained some 3rd and fourth places.

We were so very proud of all participants for their exceptional determination and fantastic attitudes. Well done everyone and thanks for your commitment and enthusiasm!

Mrs Salisbury.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** On the 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will be applicable and the current Data Protection Act (DPA) will be updated by a new Act, giving effect to its provisions. Before that time the DPA (**Data Protection Act**) will continue to apply.

We are therefore in the process of reviewing our policies and procedures and will upload these to our website shortly. We will alert you to these documents via email.

**And finally...** we really welcome parents joining us on Friday for our **Celebration Assembly**. Last term each class provided us with a snap shot of their learning. Below are the dates for this term. Please remember all parents are welcome to attend every week. You are also welcome to join us for Collective Worship on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00. We hope to see you there.

Best Wishes Tracy Maley Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly Rota

4<sup>th</sup> May – Ash      11<sup>th</sup> May Chestnuts      18<sup>th</sup> May – Acorns      25<sup>th</sup> May – Acers      8<sup>th</sup> June – Oaks (Weymouth Feedback)

15<sup>th</sup> June – Willows

**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 and Carol Wee.