

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

2nd February Cyber Safety Workshops
KS2; Parent Workshop 2:30 -3:10

2nd February Year 6 - DT project at SNHS

8th Netball Tournament
Stalbridge 3:30-5:00

Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Term Starts: Monday 19th February
1ST March: Family Support Day

2nd March KS1 Disco (PTFA Event)
23rd March - Millbrook (Y6 GROUP)

8th March - 5/6 football tournament (home)

20th March - Girls football tournament (home)

24th March Vintage Tea Party (PTFA Event)

DATE CHANGES

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

March 27th: Parent Consultations for children with SEND from 8.30 am

March 28th: Parent Consultations for Acorns, Chestnuts, Willows and Ash from 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm

A REMINDER

Keeping Safe On-Line

On **February 2nd 2018** we are offering a **workshop for parents at 2.30 pm – 3.10 pm**. This is a relatively short session but will provide tips and guidance on how to ensure your children are using the internet and their mobile devices responsibly.

This is open to all our parents. Please come along if you can – together we can make a difference!

Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 9.00 am

Thank you to those who regularly attend our celebration assembly on a Friday morning. We really welcome parents, grandparents and friends of the school coming along and sharing in the celebrations.

From **Friday 2nd February**, as well as presenting the usual class cups and sporting certificates, each class will take it in turns to showcase their work. This may involve the whole class or a small group. I have listed the dates below.

Ash - Friday 2nd February

Acers - Friday 9th February

Oaks - 23rd February

Acorns - 2nd March

Chestnuts - 9th March

Willows - 23rd March

Please remember that **everyone is welcome every week.**

COMPASSION

As you know our value this half term is COMPASSION. To help deepen the children's understanding of this value, Malcom Parker, from 'The Sturminster Newton Rotary Club' led an assembly for us about the survival tents and shelter boxes, which they send around the world, to help people who have lost their homes. Malcolm, with the help of his colleagues, then kindly erected the tent for the children to use. The staff have used this resource as a stimulus for writing and drama and to help develop the children's understanding of the plight of people across the globe.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have already produced some very thoughtful work, some of which we hope to include in the next edition of The Hill, so please look out for this. Even our very youngest children have come up with some very thoughtful questions and ideas - one child insisting the tents should have cat flaps! I quite agree!

Education Sunday

Thank you to Shannon, Sebastian, Nati M-F, Georgina, Isabelle, Edward and their families for representing our school at this service. It was a lovely moment of celebration and reminded us all of the good work our church schools and their communities do for our children and how blessed we all are. Thank you to Rev Lydia and Ian Carr for bringing us together and reminding us what a difference we can make when we share a unity of purpose and values.



Parent Forum: Friday March 16th 8:45 - 9:30

Every term we offer the opportunity for parents to share their views at our Parent Forums. These meetings have previously been held in the evening but are often not well attended. We are therefore offering a morning slot in the hope that more people can attend. If you can't attend, you can submit your views through the parent forum representatives. You will find their contact details listed at the end of this newsletter. If you are a parent in Acorns and Willows and would be interested in becoming a parent forum representative, please contact the office or come along to the next meeting to find out more.

Please remember **ALL** parents are welcome to attend these forums.

There are two items on the agenda: What are we doing well? How can we improve?

Tea and coffee will be provided, so please come along if you can.

Thank you to the fundraising efforts of our PTFA and your generosity; we have just purchased a new laptop trolley to house our 16 new laptops.

THANK YOU

This year we have also installed new Interactive Whiteboards in five of our six classrooms, which has enhanced our IT. We are hoping to purchase the 6th in the summer term.

Hall of Fame- Class Cup Winners!



Acorns: Quinn, Bella & George

Chestnuts: Ethan, Amelia & Macey

Willows: Logan, Nicholas & Arlo

Ash: Crystal, Byron & Maisy

Acers: Carrie, James & Freddie

Oaks: Jessica, Emily & Santi

And finally, we are gathering the views of all our staff, parents, governors and children regarding our Church status. I would be grateful if you could spend a few moments completing the attached questionnaire. Your responses to these questions will help us to judge in what ways we are distinctive and effective as a Church school. Your views are very important to us and will help us to further strengthen and shape the school's Christian ethos.

I would be grateful if you could return these by **Friday 9th February**. Thank you.

As half term approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected to our school for their continued commitment and support. The next half term looks to be very busy and full of exciting enrichment opportunities. I wish you a restful half term with your families and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 19th February**.

Best Wishes,

Tracy Maley Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

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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 Chair of Governors: Rev Lydia Cook Vice Chair of Governors: Oliver Davis