

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

April 2017

Vision Statement

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

DATES

Friday 7th April: End of Term Service 1:30

Friday 14th April:
Good Friday Service:
Shillingstone Church
10:30 -11:30

Monday 24th April;
Welcome Back
Service - 8:45 at the
church. Please drop
the children at the
church. Thank you.

25th April -
Weymouth
Information Meeting
for Yr 6 Parents 3:30

Tuesday 25th April:
Parent Forum - 6:30 -
7:30; you are very
welcome to come and
ask questions about
our proposed change
to academy status.

1st May: Bank
Holiday

Friday 5th May: Vale
Voices Concert -
more details to follow

8th May - KS2
SATS tests

Dear Parents,

We hope lots of you will be able to join us on Friday for our Easter service in church, at 1:30. This will mark the end of another eventful term. There have been trips, numerous sporting events, fundraising and visitors, all of which help to enrich the curriculum for the children. The Vintage Tea Party and Mothering Sunday Service were particularly memorable and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising these events and to all who supported them too. Thank you.

St George's Day Art Competition - a REMINDER!

As part of our St George's Day Celebrations we are holding a Dragon Drawing Competition!

There are 3 categories

- Reception and Year 1
- Year 2,3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6

The children can use paint, pencil, pastels, collage or mixed media; the more creative the better!

Entries need to be in school by **Wednesday 26th April** and will be judged by our local artist Mary Tambini, on **Friday 28th April** (Celebration Assembly).

Love Your Leftovers Recipe Competition KS2 children

Create a delicious meal out of summer leftovers and win the chance to have your recipe included in a fabulous new cookbook.

The children in KS2 were given details of this competition so please look in book bags!

Recipes must be brought into school **no later than Wednesday 26th April.**

The competition aims to raise awareness amongst children and parents about the environmental and financial cost of wasting food and is supported by, 'The Dorset Waste Partnership' (DWP)

We look forward to receiving you recipes and / or your dragon art! Thank you

Attendance Results this month

Whole School: 96.7 % (our target is 98%)

Acorns: 96.4%

Chestnuts: 97.3%

Willows: 96.4%

Ash: 96.8%

Acers: 96.1%

Oaks: 96.7%



**WELL DONE CHESTNUTS
- YOU ARE THE CLASS
WITH THE BEST
ATTENDANCE THIS
MONTH!**



Children's Service for Good Friday

WALKING WITH JESUS

Come on an imaginative journey through the last days of Jesus' life

Friday 14th April

10.30am – 11.30am

Shillingstone Church Centre

All welcome!

Hot cross buns for all after the service.

Lost Property

We will put the contents of the lost property out in the playground at 3:15 on Wednesday and Thursday.



After School Clubs: please see separate letter for details when individual clubs will commence.

Well done to Oaks, who raised over £700 through their sponsored climb, which will go towards the purchase of a new projector for the hall.

Health & Safety

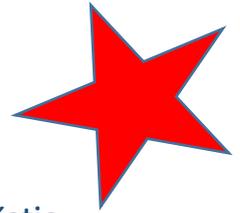
We would like to say a BIG thank you for supporting our new procedures at drop off and collection times. The children have been fantastic and it has made a huge difference! The children have been much calmer throughout the whole day and we are achieving so much more! Thank you.

HALL OF FAME

Class Cups



Congratulations to...



Our Class Cup Winners: Edward S , Nicholas , Lydia , Freddie D, Katie R, Rudi ,Tilly , Phoebe , Harry H , James G , George T-C , Harry W



A Champion Gymnast in our Midst

A year 6 pupil, Sophia Crabb, who is a member of Blandford Gym Club, has achieved the great honour of becoming South West Tumbling Champion. She has taken part in a series of competitions which culminated in the finals last weekend. Sophia performed 3 spectacular tumbles, which included round offs, back flicks, front flicks and somersaults. She will now go on to represent the South West in the National Championship

Year 3 and 4 Football. The year 3 and 4 football team have been busy playing in friendly matches and the annual Sturminster Newton area tournament. They have impressed spectators with their determination and team spirit and have made excellent progress over the last few weeks. Special mention must go to 2 fantastic goalkeepers who saved the day on numerous occasions during the tournament: Harry B and Brody R. Congratulations also go to Hayden, Sante, Harry H, James G, Freddie B and Reuben K.



Joseph R, Harry W, Roy , Bela P, Bella M-F , Faith R, Sophia C, Amy F and Jess H.

On **Thursday 16th March**, the Netball Team went to Sherborne Girls' School for the North Dorset Primary Schools Netball Tournament.

The team played three rounds and won two of them, which took them through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the opposing team were a challenge and they succeeded in winning. At the end of the tournament, Child Okeford were awarded 4th place in North Dorset. All the players, played very well and to their best ability.

Comic Relief.

Our 4 Sports Bronze Ambassadors have been hard at work organising the Comic Relief "Skipathon." They planned the whole event, making posters, sponsor forms and timetables. On the day, they encouraged younger children to try out a range of skipping tricks and to keep going through their sponsored skip. They also did a fantastic job of serving out the delicious cakes and biscuits made especially for the day. Congratulations and thanks to Faith, Sophia, Roy and Adam for doing such a great job!



We raised a staggering **£1002.20**. Thank you for your amazing support and generosity.

And finally... St Nicholas has been a hive of industry and enjoyment and the children have made very pleasing progress this term. Thank you for your continued support; we all wish you a very happy and restful break with your children.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 24th April**. Please drop the children off at church at 8:45 for our Welcome Back Service, led by Rev Lydia.

HAPPY EASTER!

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