

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

## January 2014 Issue 1

### Vision statement

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

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to you all! The children have arrived back full of enthusiasm and settled quickly into the new term. Staff have introduced the children to their new topics. It looks to be a very busy and exciting few weeks and we look forward to your continued support as we journey on.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome William and his family to St Nicholas. William has joined Willows and already feels part of the family.

### Date Reminders

We endeavour to update the website with dates etc. so please check the 'Events Page' regularly. Here are a few reminders of events:

**6<sup>th</sup> January** - 6:00pm PTFA meeting

**14<sup>th</sup> January** - Parent Forum Meeting - 6-7 pm. All welcome! If you are unable to attend please email your Parent Representative. Their details are always included on the newsletters.

**15<sup>th</sup> January** - Acers Cake Sale

**24<sup>th</sup> January** - Education Sunday - You are all invited to the 3 O'clock service at Okeford Fitzpaine. The theme of the service is "It takes a village to raise a child". The Service will be led by Reverend Lydia.

**5<sup>th</sup> February** - Sponsored Walk - PTFA Event

During the Christmas break, Mrs Corbett mum died, following a short and sudden illness. Our love and prayers are with her and her family at this very sad time.

### OUR SPRING TERM VALUE

This term we will be developing the children's understanding of one of our school's core values - **TRUST**. We will be exploring various questions and ideas around this and showing children what it means to have trust in others, as well as encouraging them to reflect on how trustworthy they are and the consequences for everyone when trust is broken. This is such a key value and when it is present and nurtured, relationships blossom and communities are strengthened.

**School Development Plan 2015-16 (SDP)** - at the beginning of the year I sent out an overview of our SDP so many of you will know that Maths is one of the areas we are focusing on developing this year.

**So what's been happening?** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January we attended a joint Pyramid INSET day on Maths Mastery. Alongside colleagues from our neighbouring schools we explored the idea of 'mastery' and came away with lots of practical ideas to use in the classroom.

As you know we are working hard to develop the children's fluency in the basic skills and are grateful for all your efforts in helping us to achieve this. Please keep practising those all-important tables and number bonds, it is making a real difference!

'Time' is another tricky concept for many children so any support you can offer would be welcomed too. The parent leaflet, posted on your child's class page at the beginning of the year, is a good reference point, if you wish to support your child further in achieving the end of expectations.

**Have you got anything to offer?** The skills and talents hidden amongst of parental body, are potentially an extremely valuable resource. If you are able to spare any time to come and talk to the children, on a whole school or class basis or can offer some time to help in class, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to your child's class teacher or contact the office:

[office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@childokeford.dorset.sch.uk)

Miss Ireland is extremely keen to turn the conservatory into an underwater world. If there are any artistic parents out there who could lend a hand, she would really love to work with you, to create something magical for the children. Mrs Wingrove will make lots of tea for all willing volunteers!

**WANTED:** If you have any working analogue and / or digital watches you no longer need we would love to provide them with a new home. ASH CLASS are working on 'TIME' and would like at least two class watches.

Thank you.

**And finally... THANK YOU!**

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your Christmas messages and gifts. We are always humbled by your kindness and generosity. We are now all trying to lose the extra pounds we have gained as a consequence!

Best Wishes,

Tracy Maley ( Headteacher)

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