

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

November 2017

Vision Statement

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



DATES

8th November: Open Morning for new parents.

Tuesday 14th November: Parent Forum 6-7pm

Friday 17th November: KS2 Glow Disco

Friday 17th: Children in Need - come in your pyjamas!

22nd November: Book Fair - details to follow

23rd / 24th November Year 5 Residential (Leeson House)

1st December: The Ark's Christmas Fayre: 5:30 - 7:30 (School Hall)

6th December Year 1 Nativity 2pm / 6pm

7th December Reception Nativity 2pm / 6pm

12th December Year 2 Nativity 2pm / 6pm

14th December Christmas Party Day

REVISED DATE

Monday 11th December: KS2 Carol Service 6:30

Please visit our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk to view dates

Thank You Notes

Harvest Donations

Dear Mrs Maley,

A line to send a heartfelt thank-you to the children, parents and staff for your very generous donations of foodstuffs for North Dorset Women's Refuge. We are very proud of our village school, as it sets such a wonderful example of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. It's good to know that teaching the children to have kind hearts is still on the curriculum!

With every good wish and blessing,
Sarah Muffett.

Mosaic

We also had a visit from Laura, who represents Mosaic. She came in person to thank our school for the monies we raised for this wonderful charity that supports children who have suffered bereavement. Just by wearing 'crazy socks' we raised £148.16 - THANK YOU!

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Rotary's annual shoe box appeal, which brings joy at Christmas time to hundreds of thousands of disadvantaged children across the world. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Children in Need Friday 17th November 2017

Some year 6 children have requested that we all support this day by coming in our pyjamas. I really liked this idea so I said YES! A small donation is appreciated but not compulsory. We understand it is difficult for some families to support every fund raising and charitable event. However, I think it is worth recognising these occasions, to help deepen the children's understanding of the wider world, their connection to it and how we can do extraordinary things, when hearts and minds positively connect. (Please send them in their school shoes - they can bring their slippers for indoors if they wish to!)

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies all next week and holding a 2 minutes silence on Friday 10th November, to remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this assembly.

The children have been busy making poppies and they are a sight to behold!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS CUP WINNERS!



Acorns: Oscar & Matilda

Chestnuts: Thomas & Georgia

Willows: Ella & Chloe

Ash: Edith & Josie

Acers: Sam & Logan

Oaks: Shannon & Natty

Match Report November 3rd, 2017

Yesterday, Child Okeford played in the first round of the Davison Cup against Pimperne School. We were a strong team from the very beginning. We scored 3 goals in the first half and Tristan saved a goal from Pimperne. We started well in the second half, scoring another 2 goals. Tristan saved some more goals. Pimperne scored 1 goal. The match ended 5-1 to Child Okeford.

By Harry Feltham. (Captain) Goals : James -2, Harry -2, Archie -1.



Congratulations

I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of Felicity's sister in Year 1 - we can't wait to meet her!

I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Sanders is expecting a baby in March 2018. She will be taking maternity leave from 1st January. I'm sure you will all joining me in wishing her well.



Car Park



We continue to monitor this and would like to thank you for your consideration when driving into the school and to all those who regularly walk or park outside our school gates. As the weather draws in, I know there will be a greater temptation for more people to drive; please continue to walk if possible - it is safer, healthier and goes a little way to helping the planet. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep EVERYONE safe!

Attendance

Whole School Target 2017-2018: 97.1% Currently Whole School Percentage: 97.9% 😊

There are still a few children who regularly arrive late, which is unsettling for all concerned. Please ensure the children arrive for 8:45 am - registers close at 8:55 am.

A gentle reminder: we cannot authorise term time holidays or requests for children to leave early, unless there are exceptional circumstances; this impacts on our attendance figures and therefore our whole community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to make attendance at St Nicholas the best it can be! Together we can make a real difference!

Church News

Sunday December 3rd is St Nicholas Day! There is a special all age church service at St Nicholas Church at 10.30am. Please bring gifts for the North Dorset Women's refuge. All welcome. Rev Lydia

And finally... our value this half term is 'wisdom'. The children will be exploring questions such as: What is wisdom? Who do you consider to be wise? Is it a gift or a virtue that needs to be nurtured? Who can help us to make wise choices?

The children will explore the answers to these questions and hear stories from the bible. They will consider quotes such as:

'The courage to speak must be matched by the wisdom to listen.'

'A wise person thinks before he or she speaks.'

'Wisdom is shown to be right by what it does' (*Matthew 11:19*).

And my favourite ...'Sometimes it's wiser to be right in silence!' I am still working on that one too!

Tracy Maley

Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

Mrs Carpenter -marioncarpenter@btinternet.com (Ash);

Mrs Andrew - rachel@juddstransport.com (Acers);

Mrs Tonks -samtonks@hotmail.co.uk (Oaks);

Mrs Sharples -helenno58@aol.com (Oaks);

Mrs Belbahi -mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com (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 Chair of Governors: Elizabeth Sims

