

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

February 2017

Vision Statement

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



DATES

Half Term: 13th -
17th February

**24th February -
Millbrook** - Year 6
group - pick up from
Millbrook

**27th February - 3rd
March** - Book Week

1st March: Lord's
Prayer Day

**Thursday 2nd
March World Book
Day!** Dress up as
your favourite book
character.

**24th March - Red
Nose Day!** Year 6
are organising this
event.

5th April: Ash Play
2pm & 6pm

7th April: End of
Term Service 1:30
at the church.

Dear Parents,

School breaks up for half term on Friday 10th February at 3:15. It has been a short but very busy half term and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the school for their continued commitment and support. The children remain a joy and are making good progress. The vast majority are really keen to succeed and have very high expectations of themselves. Those adults who regularly volunteer in school are also making a real difference and your support at home, is invaluable too. Thank you.

Please continue to read with your child daily and help them to master those all-important times tables. It will be no surprise that those children who can now recall them are successfully tackling more complex mathematical problems and making rapid progress. Little and often really does pay off!

Safeguarding

As you know, keeping children safe is our top priority at St Nicholas. Ensuring our children are safe on social media sites is particularly challenging and we regularly deliver discrete lessons on e-safety to help children understand the dangers. During these sessions, we encourage children to share any concerns they may have with a trusted adult. I am heartened to report that our children are now beginning to do this, in a very responsible, sensitive way, that allows us to reinforce the safety guidelines and alert parents. When the children demonstrate this kind of understanding and regard for their own and others safety, we know we have succeeded in creating a safe culture in our school, where everyone understands their responsibilities! Well done children!

Please, help us to keep our safeguarding procedures and processes robust by regularly checking what apps and games your child is playing, who they are talking to and what information they are sharing. Do you know the answers to these questions?

We regularly post the latest newsletters and advice from the, 'Dorset Safer Schools Team', on our website: www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk, to assist parents on e-safety and other issues. Please take a moment to read the Spring edition. You will find this on our Safeguarding Page.

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Our lost property bin will be emptied on Friday so please encourage your child to reclaim their lost items.

Please ensure long hair is tied back, for health and safety reasons. No nail varnish or make up please! Thank you.

Annual Parent Questionnaire

We strive very hard to provide the best possible education, but are never complacent and always value your opinions on how we could get better. Please spare a few moments to answer the following questions (on the attached questionnaire), taken from the Ofsted Parent View form.

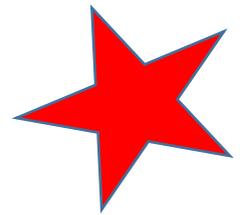
We promise to consider all your views and where applicable, the findings will be incorporated into our future School Development Plans. Please return completed questionnaires no later than **the 3rd March 2017**.

Our last Ofsted inspection was in May 2014 so we are due again in May this year! Therefore, we would really appreciate as many of you as possible taking a few moments to complete these questions.

Many thanks for your support.

HALL OF FAME

Class Cups



Congratulations to...

Charlie H, Harry H, Finn, William, Mina, Jessica H, Ben G, Ella, Layla, Finlay, Trystan E, Josh B, Thomas L, Tippi, Caitlin, Evelyn B, Santi, Maisy Miller, Jacob M-F, Taylor, Sebastian, Julia, Harry and Daniel

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 football team who are through to the next round of the Davison Cup, due to their decisive win against William Barnes on January 17th. It was a joy to watch and we are extremely proud of you all! Good luck in the next round boys!

I'd also like to thank the children who represented our school at the **Education Sunday Service**: Charley, Rylea, Nati and Isabella M-F. You read beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you also, to all parents and Mrs Ferguson, who gave up their time to support them at this event.

Book Week 27th February – 3rd March

Wednesday 1st March: The Lord's Prayer: Throughout the day, the children will be exploring this prayer in a variety of ways. Ian Carr will be leading the morning and Rev Lydia the afternoon. There will be a short service in school at the end of the day, where the children will be sharing their work. Everyone is welcome and I will confirm the time after half term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day. We would like the children to come dressed as their favourite book character please.

Friday 3rd March – M & M productions will be performing: 'A Little Princess', based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's book. This is a beautiful story about friendship, love and hope.

Regular Attendance. At St Nicholas, we regularly monitor attendance and lateness. If your child's attendance falls below **95%** or are they regularly late, we will alert you to this by letter. You will be offered support and advice to help this to improve.

It is well established that there is a direct correlation between regular attendance and achievement. Please support us by ensuring your child has good attendance and term time holidays are avoided where possible. Thank you.



Our Red Nose Day Fundraising Events



On Friday 24th March, we are holding a Sponsored Skipping Competition. All the money raised, will be sent to Comic Relief. We are splitting the competition into KS1 and KS2. Friends and family, are invited to come and watch the children take part in.

Both of the competitions will be followed by drinks and treats with the theme of Red Noses'. We are asking for a small contribution of either, cakes, treats or drinks from every family. For ideas of what cakes or treats to bring please visit: www.rednoseday.com/primary.

All children are allowed to come to school wearing as much red as they possibly can.

A letter will be sent out nearer the time, with more information about the competition and what we would like you to bring.

Faith Revell Year 6

And finally, ... thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a peaceful and happy half term with your families and I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 20th February**.

Best Wishes,

Tracy Maley Headteacher

Current Parent Representatives:

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Mrs Sharples - helenno58@aol.com (Acers)

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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 Chair of Governors: Oliver Davis