

# St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

January 2017

## Vision Statement

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



### DATES

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Welcome Back**

**Service:** 9 am at the Church. Please drop the children off at 8:45. We hope you will join us.

Wednesday 11 January - 'THE

ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER'

St. Nicholas School Hall 6pm

Week commencing  
16 January 2016 -  
After School Clubs  
START

Dance After School Club starts 20 January 2017 with KS1 children

22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Education Sunday  
10:30 at Holy Rood Church in Shillingstone

Welcome back and best wishes for a peaceful and happy 2017.

Firstly, the staff and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of term and for your kind words and support. Your generosity is truly humbling and appreciated by us all. We hope you have all had a restorative break and we look forward to working with you, in helping your child(ren) 'to be the very best they can be'.

### **A THANK YOU from Mr and Mrs Andrew!**

As you are aware, Emma fell from the Monkey Bars before Christmas and broke her leg. Her parents, Rachel and Nick, have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all the kind messages of support and gifts they and Emma received. It really helped them get through a difficult time and they are very grateful to the whole community for their continued support.

The courage and resilience Emma displayed throughout her ordeal was amazing and we were all very proud of her. Happily, she is back in school now and racing around on crutches. We all wish her a speedy recovery!

### **Well-Being Days**

Hopefully the children arrived home last week feeling relaxed and happy following their Well-being Workshops. We certainly received some very positive feedback from them, following their yoga, tea tasting and skipping sessions.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to our parents, Michelle and Rob Comins, who served tea to 144 children, free of charge! The vast majority of children got very excited about all the different teas and have promised to keep drinking it!

Michelle and Rob have two tea shops, one in Sturminster and the other in Bath. If you get a chance, please call in; I can personally recommend the tea *and* the food!

I'd also like to thank Vanessa, who led the Yoga, and Dan The Skipping Man for their input. They were fabulous with the children and ensured they all could access the activities. The yoga gave the children strategies to help them relax and concentrate and the skipping reminded them about the power of positive thinking, exercise and good old fashioned fun. We witnessed children grow in confidence before our eyes –FANTASTIC!

The Dorset Library Service has also recently produced a leaflet regarding Children's Well Being. You can find this information on the Homepage of our website: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk). Please take a look .

## After School Clubs - Commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

As you know, we expect the highest standards of behaviour at St Nicholas, at all times. In line with our behaviour policy, parents will be notified if their child is not meeting these standards during school hours or whilst attending after school activities.

Children will not be allowed to attend extra-curricular activities if their behaviour does not meet the expected standard and they continue to disrupt the teaching, following an initial warning. We would welcome you reminding them of these expectations. Thank you for your continued support.

**And finally,** ... this is such an exciting term. We start in the depths of winter and, before we know it, it will be Easter and spring will be with us. On the way, Oak class will have enjoyed Mr F-G's now famous holiday snaps from South America, including the heights of the Andes mountains to the mighty Amazon river; the world will have been to Ash Class and they will have been busy rehearsing their Easter show; Acorns will have been on 'On the Move' too, exploring and designing transport and enjoying visits from the police and fire service! Chestnuts will have explored and visited castles and imagined themselves as knights and princesses. Willows will have entered the world of Mr Grinling from 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch', and enjoyed numerous creative activities relating to this wonderful story. Last but certainly not least Acers will have become accomplished local historians and Samba Band members! (watch this space!) So...don't ever believe your child if, when you ask, what did you do at school today, they answer, "Nothing"!

Please visit your child's class page on our website: [www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk). You will find an overview of your child's topic, detailing the key skills and concepts they will be covering this term.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the children have another successful and happy term. Together we can make a real difference!

Best Wishes

Tracy Maley Headteacher

### Current Parent Representatives:

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

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

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

Mrs Belbahi -mehdi.belbahi@btinternet.com (Oaks)

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](mailto:robertwellen@btinternet.com) Chair of Governors: Rev Lydia Cook Vice Chair of Governors: Oliver Davis