

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter

March 2016

Vision Statement

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

END OF TERM REMINDERS

Wednesday 23rd March - Parent Consultations. For an appointment time please contact the office.

Thursday 24th - 9am - Sponsored Walk / Sports Relief Event. Children need to come in suitable clothes and footwear. Please ensure they have indoor shoes to change into. The PTFA will provide hot chocolate and an Easter treat for all the children. You are all welcome to join us!

1:30 - Easter Service - Led by Reverend Lydia and Year 6. We hope lots of you will be able to join us for this service.

A letter was sent home last week about these two events.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

FISH COMPETITION

Last week a letter was sent inviting the children to design and create a fish. All entries will form part of the scenery for the play, "*The Man from the Sea*", written by Ewan Pinsent, a local resident. The play celebrates the life of our patron saint, St Nicholas and will be performed in the village church on **Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of April**.

The fish can be any shape and size and made out of any materials. A prize will be awarded for the most original.

All entries must be in by **Friday 15th April**. Please ensure entries are clearly labelled with your child's name and age and a contact telephone or email.

Hey Day Poster Competition

Information about this went out last week. The Competition is open to all the children.

Task: to create a very colourful A4 poster to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. You do not need to write anything on your poster. We are looking for fabulous pictures! There will be a prize for KS1 and KS2. **Closing Date: 18th April.**

Please contact Xandra Cotton on: 07985563679 if you have any questions.



FIVE SPECIAL DAYS - A service for Children for Good Friday

The Church Centre, Shillingstone

Friday 25th March 10.30

All Welcome!

For more info call Rev'd Lydia on 863774

CALLING ALL SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS!!!

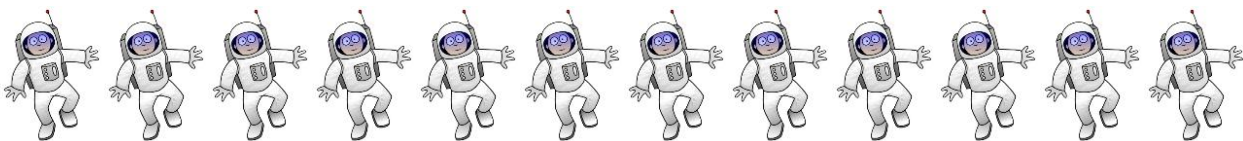
As you know we are eagerly awaiting delivery of the seeds from the International Space Station. In the meantime, I was alerted to the competition outlined below. I have attached further information for those children who might be interested. Winners will get the opportunity to meet Dr Michael Foale CBE, the most experienced British-born astronaut in the history of human spaceflight. In his 26-year career in Nasa's astronaut corps, he flew on numerous shuttle and Soyuz missions. He serviced the Hubble telescope, and had tours on both the Mir platform and the International Space Station.

On **Monday 18th April**, Michael will be visiting the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy to tour the new campus at Maritime House. Michael will meet lucky competition winners and speak to them about what it's like to spend 365 days in orbit!

Spaces will be limited. For a chance to win, learners in Reception to Year 6 are invited to create a two page 'Space Information Sheet' using Purple Mash (see attached for a useful 'Help Sheet which includes information about a 30-day free trial of Purple Mash from 2Simple Software).

The very best entries will be of extremely high quality and include 'unique' characteristics.

Entries must include your name, school name and year group. All entries should be emailed to gspracklen@ipaca.org.uk **no later than 1pm on Monday 11th April, 2016**. Entries received after this date will not be considered.



YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Sports Events and Success!

Cross Country

Thirty six determined runners in years 3-6, took part in the annual cross country competition at Shillingstone School last week. The competitors ran in mixed teams of four to complete a relay race against four other local schools. One of our Year 4 and Year 5 teams came 1st but all the children were commended for their fantastic performances and impressive determination.

Mrs Salisbury and I went home feeling immensely proud of the team for their achievements: their ability to face challenge, conquer anxieties, carry on despite injury and cope with disappointment and victory in a dignified manner. FANTASTIC!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football who team recently won the Sturminster Pyramid Tournament. There was a terrific atmosphere and the games were incredibly close and very exciting!!

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 football team who have also competed against other schools in the pyramid this term. For many it was their first tournament and although they didn't win they never stopped playing until the final whistle. They were a joy to watch and should be very proud! The same could be said of our swimming and netball teams who competed in competitions this term too. These children also displayed a terrific attitude and were great ambassadors for our school and sport. WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Ash and Acers for their terrific performances of, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Wind in the Willows*. Over the course of their rehearsals we saw the children visibly grow in confidence and become increasingly adept at holding the audience's attention. The end results were two very memorable shows and many happy memories were made! Well done to everyone involved.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ROAD CLOSED

Haywards Bridge- Work on this bridge has been scheduled to take place between 4th April and 14th October and it is anticipated that the road over the river and out to the A357 will be closed, to both traffic and pedestrians, throughout this period.

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to:

All our CLASS CUP winners: Tippi ,Jasmine, Sammy , Annalise, Isabella M-F, Oliver H , Jacob, Beth, Nathan, Amelia, Natty Q

All our MATHS MASTERS: Christian, Harriett B-W, Logan, Mina, Josh B, Elsbeth, Lewis, Nicholas, Ruen, Lauren, Archie D, Maisy

To Mina for passing her Prep Exam in piano and to Annabel who has just taken her grade 4 violin; To Gethin who is now ranked 5th out of 500 Junior Premier League (JPL) players in the UK.As a result of this achievement and being the most highly accolade player in his team, Gethin is being sponsored by Arsenal to go to the Gothia Cup in Gothenburg (Sweden) The Gothia Cup is the largest youth football tournament in the world, with over 1600 teams competing. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish him an enjoyable week of football- well done Gethin! To Noah who has passed his Exeter City football trial and is now in the Exeter Advanced Development Centre .Well done on your achievements Noah and for scoring so many goals this season too!

Congratulations to Sammy, Eleanor, Alfie, William and Freddie P who have progressed to the next stage in their swimming.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Der. She has been offered a teaching post after Easter so will be leaving us on Thursday 24th March. Mrs Der has been supporting Year 6 since October and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment during her short time with us. All the staff and children wish her all the best for the future.

DATES TO NOTE FOR NEXT TERM

MONDAY 11TH APRIL - FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL - 9AM WELCOME BACK SERVICE - CHURCH. Please drop the children off at the church at 8:45. **All WELCOME!**

And finally ...it has been another very busy term at St Nicholas. The classrooms and corridors have been bursting with lively, enthusiastic children thirsty to learn. Our thanks go to everyone involved with the school and your continued support in helping us to realise our vision, *'to be the best we can be.'*

I am confident that St Nicholas continues to be a good school that is responding effectively to the ever increasing challenges schools face. The support we receive from everyone associated with the school helps us to enrich the curriculum for our children and strengthen the school's core values of: **Love**, **Trust** and **Hope**, which lie at the very heart of St Nicholas and permeate all we do.

Thank you to all the staff, children, parents and governors for all their hard work and commitment this term.

Have a lovely Easter and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 11th April.

Best Wishes,

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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

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