



# St Nicholas School

Spring term March 2020

This half term has been dominated for us by two exceptional events—preparing for the move to the new school building and the developing impact of Coronavirus. In the meantime, the pupils have been continuing normally with the usual schedule of events including World Book Day, Science Week, and the school choir preparing for the Primary schools' concert back at Fairfield Halls.

The new school building is rapidly coming to completion, and staff who visited all comment on how fabulous it looks inside. At the time of writing we are still hoping to move on the schedule closure days, before and after the Easter holiday. In the meantime the children have had a virtual reality presentation and have learnt a song about moving to the new building, so they have some idea about what to expect. We are also planning the management of transport and visitors to the new building, where temporary arrangements will be in place until the main entrance is in operation—we will keep you informed about this.

As far as the virus epidemic is concerned, please consult NHS 111 in relation to any concerns within your family, and follow any advice given. We will also follow official advice regarding specific measures including hygiene procedures and school closure, bearing in mind that we do have some children who may be particularly vulnerable. Please check for emails and texts from the school for ongoing advice.

**PARENTS EVENING**—Due to the current circumstance around the Coronavirus, we are going to postpone Wednesday's parents evening. We will be in touch shortly with a new date.

Nick Dry. Headteacher

## Science week

The week beginning the 9th March was National Science Week. In school we spend the whole week taking part in science experiments. The children from Canterbury road joined everyone at Reedham Drive for a science show from Mr Boffin!



### **Book week**

The week beginning the 2nd March was book week at St Nicholas, all the classes enjoyed reading and writing activities based on The Lion King and everyone looked magnificent in their dressing up costumes on Friday



### **Tate Britain Exhibition**

Last year, Year 3 took part in the Steve McQueen Year 3 Project and photographs of pupils from the 2018-2019 Squirrel and Hedgehog classes are on display alongside hundreds of others in the Tate Britain gallery. There are 75,000 children in the exhibition!

Children featuring in the photos went with staff to view their pictures in the gallery.

### **Kinetika Bloco**

Two of our Year 4/5 classes, Valley and Meadow have been working with musicians from Kinetika Bloco. This is a performance group which has bought in samba drums and rhythms.

Everyone is loving these sessions and we hope to share the work with parents later in the year. Kinetika Bloco run workshops in the school holidays and children with additional needs are welcome <https://www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/> scroll down to look for the Croydon events.

These workshops have been funded by Croydon Music and Arts

### **CHOIR SINGS AT THE FAIRFIELD HALLS**

On the 16th March a group of children from the school choir took part in the rehearsals for the Croydon Schools Music Association Festival. We are singing songs which focuses on wellbeing, filling our hearts full of hope and joy.

Unfortunately this concert has been postponed. We will let you know when the new date is as soon as we know.

## Reminders for Parents and Carers

### Naming clothes

**Please name your children's clothes.**

If an item of clothing is lost we can usually locate it and return it if it has a child's name in it. .

### Ringling the office



The office is very busy at the moment.

Please use the blue home school book to communicate everyday messages.

### Illness

If your child is sent home with sickness and or diarrhoea.

**You must keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.**

If your child is ill please ring the office first thing in the morning to let us know the reason for their absence.



### School dinners

Please keep your child's dinner money topped up. A school dinner costs £2.30 per day and £11.50 per week.

### Packed lunches

Children are welcome to bring their own lunch to school. Please note we are unable to re-heat cooked food. We advise parents to buy a Thermos food flask which will keep food hot until lunchtime.

### Medication

We will give medication to children during the day. However this must be prescribed from your GP with named sticker on the bottle or box. There is also a form that parents need to fill in to give permission.

We cannot give non prescribed medication e.g. Calpol sent in from home.

### Appointments in school

We urge parents to check their appointment times as we have had a number of parents not attending EHCP meetings or medical appointments in school.

In the case of appointments with Dr Johnston the school paediatrician we have a waiting list and if we know a parent cannot make an appointment we can offer it to another family.

Please let school know in good time if you cannot attend

Information for parents.

## **Croydon Food Banks**

**Below is a list of the different food banks in the Croydon area.**

To access a food bank you will need to have a foodbank voucher. These can be obtained from Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities.

### **Croydon Community Food Bank**

The Store, Ramsey Court, Church Street, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1RF

Telephone: 0203 643 8091

Email: [communityfoodbank@sa-ho.co.uk](mailto:communityfoodbank@sa-ho.co.uk) Website: [www.sa-ho.co.uk/web/](http://www.sa-ho.co.uk/web/)

### **Croydon Food Bank**

Unit 5, 46 Pilton Industrial Estate, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 3RA

Telephone: 020 8686 5664

Email: [croydonfoodbank@mail.com](mailto:croydonfoodbank@mail.com) Website: [croydon.foodbank.org.uk/](http://croydon.foodbank.org.uk/)

### **Purley Food Hub**

Telephone: 07546 635295

Email: [purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:purleyfoodhub@gmail.com) Website: [www.purleyfoodhub.net/](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net/)

### **Shrublands Trust**

7 Broom Road, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 8NG

Telephone: 020 3441 7887

Email: [info@shrublandstrust.org](mailto:info@shrublandstrust.org) Website: [www.shrublandstrust.org/](http://www.shrublandstrust.org/)

### **South Norwood Community Kitchen**

South Norwood Baptist Church, 2 Oliver Ave, London, SE25 6TY

Telephone: 07734487371 or 07734487756

Email: [hello@southnorwoodcommunitykitchen.co.uk](mailto:hello@southnorwoodcommunitykitchen.co.uk)

Website: [www.southnorwoodcommunitykitchen.co.uk/home](http://www.southnorwoodcommunitykitchen.co.uk/home)

### **School uniform**

School uniform can be ordered from the Mapac website <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/pages/find-my-school>

We still have lots of spare uniform in school, particularly jumpers. We are happy to offer these out to families if they contact the school office.

### **Dates for your diary**

- **Thursday 26th March - Coffee morning at our Canterbury Road Site , come and chat with other parents and find out about the progress of the new school building.**
- **Wednesday 1st April - Last day of term for children at the REEDHAM DRIVE SITE**
- **Friday 3rd April - Last day of term for children at the CANTERBURY ROAD SITE**
- **Monday 20th April - First Day of the Summer term for children at the CANTERBURY ROAD SITE**
- **Thursday 23rd April First Day of the Summer term for Children at the REEDHAM DRIVE SITE**

We will be inviting parents in for tours of the new building please look out for letters next term.



There is a Facebook group for parents and carers of children at St Nicholas school. It is a very friendly group which is closed and private group so it's a safe one too.

You can find the group on Facebook at: **Parents of St Nicks Purley**