

# St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

*Learning Together*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September 2022



Dear Parents,

The children have continued to settle into their new classrooms and have been enjoying getting to know their new class mates and adults that they are working with. The children have also continued to enjoy playing on our newly refurbished playground. We have also introduced a 'Craze of the week' on the playground and this week it was Parachute Games. The children enjoyed shaking the parachute and running underneath or bouncing a ball or bean bag on top.

**Queen Elizabeth:** School will be **closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** due to the bank holiday for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth. In school this week, the children have contributed to the school's book of condolence. Some children have coloured in pictures of the Queen, some have drawn pictures of the Queen and some have written something about her. I have also added in any thoughts that parents had sent in. We also shared a social story with the children and this can be found on the Weduc newsfeed if you would like to share it with your child. Please let your class teacher know if you watch the funeral with your child so that we are able to support them and answer questions if necessary.

**New Reception Children:** Over the last 2 weeks, the school has held some transition mornings for our new Reception children and their families. Last week the children enjoyed a stay and play in the classroom with their parents and this week, the children spent time in the classroom with their new friends whilst the parents learnt about the EYFS curriculum. Our new Reception children will start at St Nicholas on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the St Nicholas School community.

**Coffee Mornings:** We have booked in some Parent Coffee Mornings over the next few weeks. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we will hold a coffee morning to discuss the transition to secondary school. Astrid Macabee from the Carers Support Centre will be here to talk to parents about the process of choosing and applying. This meeting is specifically for parents in years 5 and 6, although those parents in year 4 are also welcome.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we will also hold our welcome back coffee mornings. This will be a chance for you to meet other parents and make suggestions for future coffee mornings.

## Important Dates:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Bank Holiday School is closed to pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Reception Children start

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Coffee Morning on transition to secondary school (Years 4, 5 and 6)

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee morning for parents (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Reception Parents Evening

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest celebration

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Flu vaccines

**October 24<sup>th</sup>-October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Half Term week

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Years 1-6 Parents evening

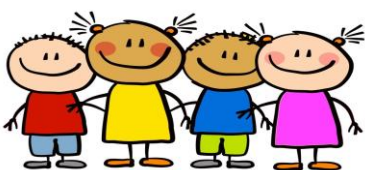
**November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>:** School photos

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** M&M Productions 'A Christmas Carol'

**December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Shows

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Lunch

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term. Break up at 1:30



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**After School Clubs:** We are looking to start some after school clubs this half term for children in years 3-6. Letters will be sent via Weduc over the coming weeks.

**School Uniform:** Please make sure that all school uniform, coats, shoes, PE kit, book bag and lunchboxes are clearly named. It makes it so much easier when we find lost property around the school.

**Absence reporting:** If your child is absent due to illness or for a medical appointment, please can you phone the school office or message your class teacher via Weduc by 9am at the latest so that we can update all of the registers.

**Flu vaccine consent forms:** These have all been sent home. If you wish your child to receive the flu vaccine, please complete and send back as soon as possible.

**Message from the office:** Please make sure you top up your dinner money weekly. Also if there is change to your child's afternoon pick up routine, you need to let the office know by 2:30pm at the latest.

## **Communicating with the school:**

Please use Weduc to communicate with your class teacher in the first instance. Parents in Key Stage 1 can also contact Gaynor Pilbeam and in Key Stage 2 Vanessa Bryan. If you have any admin enquires e.g. school dinner payments etc, you can contact Natalie Doherty in the office.

Teachers are discussing our approach to communication with parents to ensure that there is a consistent approach across the school. Over the next week, I will also send out a link to parents to illicit what you think would improve our communication. Following this, we then write a 'Communication with Parents Policy' and update our Home/School Agreement for parents to read and sign.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Many Thanks

Katie Goodwin  
Head Teacher

