

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 23rd
September 2022



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It has been a very strange week with an extra bank holiday. We have continued to be very busy at school. The children are continuing to work hard in their new classrooms and class teams are working hard to settle their children into a new routine.

New Reception Children: This week, 34 new Reception children started the school. We had a few tears at the beginning of the week but the year 1 children helped them settle into their new routine. I walked around the classes and saw the children making friends and exploring the resources and toys. They all had a smile on their face and were happy in their new school. I am very proud of them and of the staff in the Reception/Year 1 classes who have worked hard to make the transition to school successful for them.

Recycling Week: This week in school the children have taken part in Recycling Week. This year's theme was 'Let's Get Real' which will challenge perceptions and myths around recycling, and target contamination to improve recycling behaviours.

In their classes, the children learnt how to recycle properly and what happens to all of their recycling. They also made some lovely posters which have been displayed in the LRC. The children should be able to help you recycle at home.

Coffee Mornings: We have booked in some Parent Coffee Mornings over the next few weeks. On Monday 26th 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. A representative from Croydon will also be present to discuss the process with parents. This meeting is specifically for parents in years 5 and 6, although those parents in year 4 are also welcome.

On Wednesday 5th October, Thursday 6th October and Friday 7th 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 26th September: Coffee Morning on transition to secondary school (Years 4, 5 and 6)

October 5th, 6th and 7th: Coffee morning for parents (more details to follow)

Wednesday 12th October: Reception Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th October: Harvest celebration

Thursday 20th October: Flu vaccines

October 24th-October 28th: Half Term week

November 9th: Years 1-6 Parents evening

November 16th and 17th: School photos

Wednesday 30th November: M&M Productions 'A Christmas Carol'

December 8th and 9th: Christmas Shows

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th 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. 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.

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 you select your child's lunches each day, please make sure it is something that you know they like. At the lunch hatch, children are given the lunch they have ordered which can result in some tears if it isn't what they wanted. As part of their Early Morning Routine, we also encourage the children to select the lunch they want with the pictures that are on Weduc .

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 continuing to discuss our approach to communication with parents to ensure that there is a consistent approach across the school. Next week, I will send a form on Weduc to illicit ideas of what communication parents find beneficial as well as discussing this with parents at our coffee mornings in October.

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

