

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 9th
September 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a long summer break. I hope you all managed to have a restful summer with your families. In our welcome assembly last Monday I heard about the many wonderful places the children had visited. We have welcomed back the children in years 1-6 and they have settled really well into the new classes. All of the class teachers will be making contact with you all this week via their class weekly newsletter.

School Playground: Over the summer holidays, the main playground and MUGA were refurbished. The children have enjoyed playing on the new equipment which includes a climbing frame with slides, a trim trail, a large play tractor, musical instruments and a playhouse. It has been wonderful seeing the children enjoy playing on the new equipment and taking turns. In the MUGA, the children have enjoyed using the goals and basketball hoops. All areas of the playground are zoned off and from the next week, the children will start to have a craze of the week. This is part of our Positive Playtime approach where the children will play 1 activity or playground game in the MUGA.

School Library: The school library was also refurbished over the summer and the space has become separate from the rest of the LRC (Learning Resources Centre). The children have timetabled time in the library each week where they can relax and share some books and interactive stories. Children also come to the library to select their reading book for the next week so spend a lot of time here.



Queen Elizabeth: Following the death of Queen Elizabeth last night, the school is planning on commemorating her life over the coming weeks. This will include discussing the Queen and remembering her life in classrooms as well as starting up our own book of condolence that will be added to the Croydon archive. All Head Teachers had a meeting this morning and will have another meeting once the cabinet and the Royal Family release details of the state funeral and how this may affect schools. I will send out any further information as soon as I know more

Important Dates:

Monday 19th September:

Reception children start

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

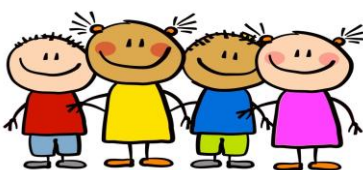
November 16th and 17th: School photos

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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Medications: If your child uses an asthma pump or EpiPen, please can you make sure you have provided these to the school. As per our school medication policy, we are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by a GP and is in its original box and once you have signed a consent form. We are **not** able to give children Nurofen or Calpol so please do not send these in.

School Uniform and equipment: Please can you make sure that all school uniform including coats and fleeces, book bags and lunch boxes are clearly named. We are also looking to set up a community cupboard of second hand uniform so if you do have any uniform that your child has grown out of, including school shoes or trainers, please send them in.

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.

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.

Staff News: One of our teachers, Katie Bayer, left for maternity leave at the beginning of September. This week, we also welcome the return of Zara Rafique. We also welcome other new staff. These are: Amy Butler-Kemp, Rachel McEvoy, Gemma Price and James Dickson who are joining our teaching team. We also welcome Kimberley Salmon, Ellah Langley, Trudy Harris, Shermeen Ahmed, Tyanna Blair, Patricia Bennett, Jack Tucknott, Simon Abberly, Yohini Thanushan, Catherine Hobro-Sargeant and Olivia Murphy who have joined our Teaching Assistant team.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Many Thanks

Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher

