

# St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

*Learning Together*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October 2022



Dear Parents,

We have completed our first half term at school. The children have done so well this term and enjoyed various activities. It was great seeing many of them dressed up in mufti today.

**Mencap Superhero Mufti Day:** Today we all dressed as superheroes to celebrate Mencap. We had children dressed as Spiderman and Superman and staff were creative with their costumes as well. We had a Super Snack, A super Reader and a Super Mathematician. Thank you to those of you who have made donations on Weduc. So far we have raised £106.50. If you would like to donate, please can you do so via Weduc payments. This will go to support Mencap with the work they do to support people with a learning disability.

**Harvest:** Earlier this week, we celebrated our Harvest Assembly. All of the children met in the hall and sang some harvest songs. Year 6 performed a drama that demonstrated what happens to the food that is donated. Thank you for all of your donations of rice, pasta, cereal, biscuits and toiletries. We have donated some to the Purely Food Hub and some we have put in to our own community cupboard.

**Christmas Cards:** Christmas cards went home with the children yesterday. If you would like to purchase some, you will need to do so by October 26<sup>th</sup>. All ordering information is on the card sent home. Any money raised goes towards the school.

**Parents Evening:** Parents Evening for Years 1-6 will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Grasshopper and Meadow cals will have their parents evening on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you sign up for a time slot. These will either be face to face or virtual. At this Parents Evening, your child's progress and Pupil passport will be discussed.

**Bus Cancellations:** Unfortunately, some bus routes to school have continued to be cancelled this week. If you are able to bring your child into school if this happens, you are welcome to do so. Drop off is between 8:40-9:00 and the children finish at 3:00pm. Please wait with your child at the pedestrian gate and a member of staff will come and collect them. At the end of the day, a staff member from their class will hand them over to you at the pedestrian gate. Please make sure that Croydon Transport have up to date contact information for you. You can do this by emailing: [CTSOps@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:CTSOps@croydon.gov.uk). Due to staffing issues with transport, there are occasions the school are not informed of buses being late so please, as your first point of contact, contact transport by email, or their phone number you will have been provided, or the PA's number (if you have it).

We are just as frustrated about the issues with transport, but are limited as to what we can do. Although the school and especially the office staff will help wherever they can, transport is its own department and is solely run by Croydon Council.

## Important Dates:

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

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

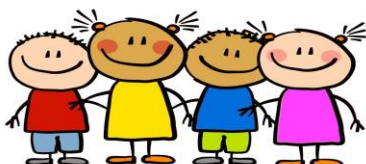
**November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>:** School photos

**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:** The Key Stage 2 Football Club letter was sent out this week and the club is now full. Any children who were unlucky not to be in the club this term will be first on the list next term. We will also be starting up a Multi Sports Club in January as well.

**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.

**Parent Governors:** After half term, we will be setting up our Parent Governor elections. Please have a think about whether you wish to join the Governing Body of our wonderful school. Please look out for further information about being a Governor on Weduc.

**Absence reporting:** If your child is absent due to illness or for a medical appointment, please can you message or 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 e.g. they are not to go home on the bus/taxi, you need to let the office know by 2:30pm at the latest.

**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 makes 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 .

**The British Red Cross Poppy Appeal:** November is the month of Remembrance. We have a variety of poppy related memorabilia such as zip pulls, silicon wristband, snap bands, poppy reflectors as well as the traditional poppies (see above). If you would like your child to have one, please send in the suggested donation of 50p-£1 in with your child and let your child's teacher know what they would prefer.

**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.



Happy Diwali to all those who are celebrating over the half term.



I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. We all deserve a well earned rest. Looking forward to seeing all of our children in October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Many Thanks  
Katie Goodwin  
Head Teacher

