

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 30th
September 2022



Dear Parents,

The weather has definitely started to get colder this week and those cold Autumn nights are settling in. We welcomed some parents from year 4, 5 and 6 at the start of this week to discuss the transition process to secondary school. I hope this was a useful process.

Sensory Week: October is Sensory Processing Awareness Month where the focus is on raising awareness of how sensory processing difficulties can make it challenging for children to engage and learn. During the week commencing Monday 10th October, we will have a sensory week in school. The children will be doing lots of sensory activities in school and teachers will be incorporating sensory activities into their planning. At the end of this newsletter, Lisa Talbot our Sensory lead, has suggested some sensory activities you can also do at home. If you do any of these activities, please take a photo and send to your class teacher or to Lisa Talbot via Weduc.

Everyone Can Rap: On Sunday 2nd October, an original tv show will be shown on ITV at 10:50pm. This show was created by one of our parents who were inspired to create the film after they discovered using rap with their autistic son helped with his speech and language. The premise of the show is following 4 adults (one with Autism) and seeing if they can learn how to rap. I hope many of you get to watch it.

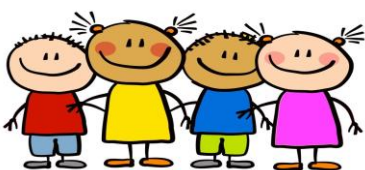
Coffee Mornings: Next Thursday 6th October and Friday 7th October, we will have our welcome back Coffee Mornings. This will be a chance for you to meet other parents and make suggestions for future coffee mornings. Please remember to book via Weduc. Please note we have cancelled the 6th October date. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Parent Governors: Later on this term, one of our current Parent Governor terms of office will be expiring and so we will be looking for a new Parent Governor. 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.

Bus Cancellations: Unfortunately, some bus routes to school have been 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.

Important Dates:

October 6th and 7th: Coffee morning for parents (more details to follow)
Monday 10th- Friday 14th October: Sensory week
Friday 14th October: Mufti day for end of sensory week – wear something bright
Wednesday 12th October: Reception Parents Evening
Wednesday 19th October: Harvest celebration
Thursday 20th October: Flu vaccines
Friday 21st October: Mufti day for MENCAP
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 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, 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. Those children who have sent in their consent form will have their flu vaccine on Thursday 20th October.

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 .

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



Sensory Week Activity Ideas.

You can do as many of these suggested activities as you want or your own ideas. Some of the resources I will be purchasing, but some you may have to find from your classrooms or your recycling at home 😊 I will send out a list of resources I have nearer the time.

- Bubble wrap painting and printing



- Veg and fruit printing



- Dry spaghetti threading into colander



- Make paint and shaving foam sensory bags and stick to tables for the children to explore



- Make frozen pea sensory bags and stick to tables for the children to explore

