

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 7th
October 2022



Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week at school. It was lovely seeing many of you come to the school to join in our coffee mornings and I hope that you found these useful.

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. Next week, 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. We will also have a mufti day on Friday 14th October where children can wear bright coloured clothes. If you do any sensory activities at home with your children, please send in some photos to your class teacher or to Lisa Talbot.

Reception Parents Evening: Next Wednesday is Parents Evening for all of our children in Reception. We are looking forward to you coming to find out how well your child is settling in to St Nicholas School.

Coffee Mornings: This week we had 2 coffee mornings for our parents and there was a great turn out for these. Thank you for all of your suggestions for future coffee mornings. I have also looked at suggestions made about improving our communication with parents. If you were unable to attend the coffee mornings but would like your say about communication with parents, I will make a form on Weduc available on Monday.

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 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

Important Dates:

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

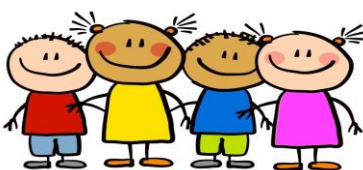
November 16th and 17th: School photos

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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Harvest: For harvest this year, we will be collecting food donations for the Purley Food Hub as well as our own community cupboard. Your class teacher will have informed you of what your child can donate. We are asking for 1 donation per child but if you wish to donate more, you are welcome to do so. Please send these in next week.

After School Clubs: We are looking to start some after school clubs this half term for children in years 3-6. We are hoping to start these after half term

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 .

I hope you all have a lovely weekend
Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher

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.

