

# St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

*Learning Together*

Friday 18th  
November 2022



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week. This afternoon, we had a visit from Shelley Davies, the Director of Education for Croydon. She came and did a tour of the school and saw the wonderful work that the children and staff are doing in school. She was very impressed with what she saw in the classes and out at play.

**Road Safety Week:** This week the children have been learning about road safety in the classrooms. They have learnt about lots of different ways that they can keep safe when out and about using roads. All children have either decorated a scooter or a bag in bright colours, In Key Stage 1, children learnt about 'Stop' and 'Go' and have had the opportunities to play with toy cars to demonstrate their understanding of being safe on the road. In key Stage 2, children have learnt how to cross the road safely and what the lights on traffic lights mean. If you are out and about with your children over the weekend, please take photos of them using the roads safely and send them in to your class teacher.

**Online Safety and Parental Controls:** The Ofcom report "[Children and Parents: media use and attitudes 2022](#)" found that 99% of children aged 3-17 in 2021 went online and the majority used a mobile phone (72%) or tablet (69%) to do so. The report also found that a quarter of all parents asked didn't use any parental controls at all on any of the devices their children use. At St Nicholas we would like to support you to keep your child safe online. A parent survey about what devices your children use is in the forms section of Weduc. Please complete this so that I can gain a better understanding of how to help. There will also be online safety information included in the school newsletters. However, in the meantime, I would like to signpost you to [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) where you can find step-by-step guides to setting up Parental Controls on popular devices, apps and broadband providers. You can also answer a few questions about your child's online activity and get a personalised toolkit for improving online safety in your home. If you need any further support with setting parental controls on your child's devices, please message Abbie McQueeney on WeDuc, or ask your child's class teacher to speak to me. Abbie McQueeney, Computing Leader

#### Important Dates:

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Mufti Day – wear a football kit/sports kit

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

Winter Crafts

**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:**

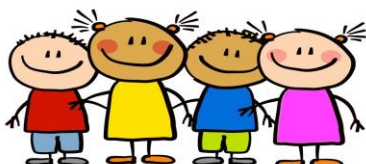
Christmas Lunch

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term. Break up at 1:30

**Christmas Shows:** The Christmas Shows will take place over two days. Key Stage 1 will perform on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:00-11:30 and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:45. Key Stage 2 will perform on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:45 and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10:00-11:30. Further information will be sent by Natalie.

**OT and SaLT update:** In case you missed the update last week, some good news on our provision for OT and SaLT. We have a new OT therapist from the NHS who will primarily be working with Key Stage 1 children and supporting any OT in the community requests. Her name is Erica Blatchford Geffen. She will continue to work with Juliet who is the OT Assistant. Erica has asked that whilst she is getting to know the school and the children, please can any communication to her go via your child's class teacher. Aniesa Blore will continue to work with Key Stage 2.

We have also recruited Beth Gentry Hobson as a full time Salt Lead at St Nicholas and she will commence her role here in January 2023. She will be working with Zara Rafiqui. Beth and I will be sitting together over the next couple of weeks and discussing how we can further develop communication at St Nicholas School. Beth is also keen to hold a coffee morning for parents which we will book on for the Spring Term.



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**Children in Need:** Next week, we will be celebrating Children in Need and the start of the world cup. Children will be fundraising in PE lessons by trying to score as many goals as possible. There will also be a mufti day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> where children can either wear a football kit, a sports kit or their own clothes. Please do not feel pressured to donate or sponsor your child for this as I know we are all going through a cost of living crisis. However, all children will be able to take part. Natalie will send out further information next week.

**Parent Governor Elections:** Parent Governor Nominations are now live. If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent, please do so by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November via Weduc. Parent Governors play a vital role on governing boards, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the parents point of view.

**Parking:** Please be mindful of where you park when you drop off/collect your children. Please either park around the roundabout or further up Reedham Drive rather than on the corner of Aveling Close as this is causing a problem for other traffic to drive through and we are receiving a number of complaints from residents. We also have an overflow car park on the field which parents are able to access. The residents association have told me that they have requested for Croydon to send out traffic officers so you may be fined.

**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.

### 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. I have also put a short questionnaire on Weduc in the forms section. Please take the time to complete by Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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. Please also note that the opening hours of the school office is **8am-4pm**.

**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.

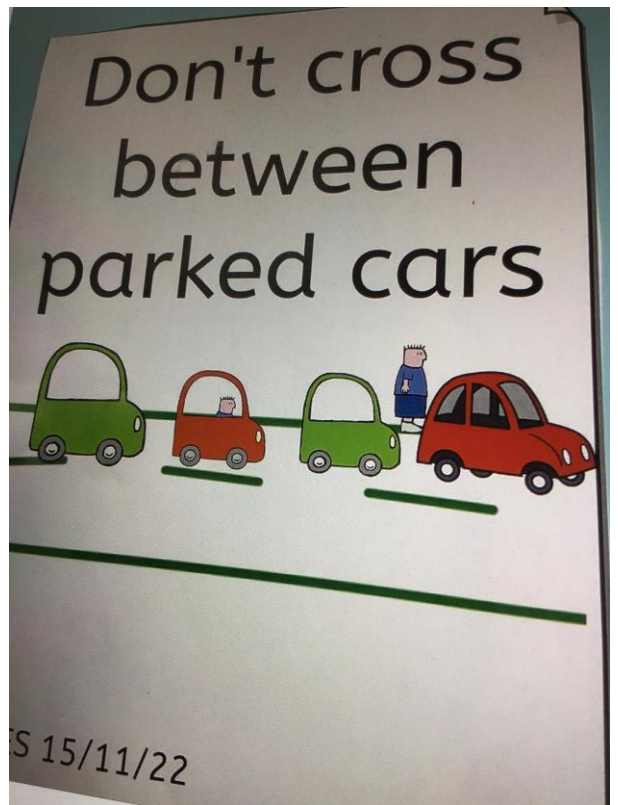
Have a lovely weekend. Many Thanks  
Katie Goodwin  
Head Teacher



## Examples of work from Road Safety Week



An Activity set out for some of our Reception and year 1 children and a class display also from Reception/Year 1.



Some children in year 4 have decorated their own scooter and have also designed a poster about crossing the road safely.

