

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 13th
January 2023



Dear Parents,

We have another busy week here at school. After school clubs commenced this week. We continue to have a football club after school and now have a multi sports clubs. It is pleasing to see how popular these are and the children thoroughly enjoy attending them. We will continue to look for further after school clubs. After half term, we will be offering a range of lunch time clubs for the children to attend.

Fire Evacuation: As you are aware from the letter sent out on Wednesday, the staff and children evacuated the school building following a small fire isolated to the school kitchen. No staff or children were ever in danger. We regularly practise fire drills as part of our Health and Safety procedure, so the staff and children were extremely efficient at exiting the building safely. The children behaved exceptionally well whilst waiting on the playground and I am so proud of them and of the staff at St Nicholas School.

Illness: We continue to have a lot of illness in school. Please do not send in your child if they have a respiratory infection, fever or stomach upsets including vomiting. New guidance was published at the beginning of January: Professor Susan Hopkins (Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency – UKHSA) has said *'It is important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school until the fever has resolved.'* In school, we have been continue to help the children learn about the importance of good hand hygiene and remembering to wash their hands with soap and warm water. We have also been reminding the children to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them.

Karl Kinsekka Memorial: As many of you may know, last year one of our year 6 students sadly died. We will be remembering him on his anniversary in school. On **Friday 20th January**, we will have a mufti day where children and staff can wear something purple – Karl's favourite colour. The children will also do some singing and dancing in the afternoon which was Karl's favourite activity.

Coffee Morning: On Thursday 19th January, we will have a first coffee morning for the Spring Term. This will be a chill and chat session. This is a chance for you to come along and meet other parents and chat with each other. There will be school staff there to help facilitate discussion. Please sign up for the coffee morning via Weduc payments.

Clothing Bin: As part of a recycling drive, the school now has a large clothing bin where parents and staff can dispose of any unwanted clothing items. More information will follow shortly.

Training for families (Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust): There is an online training event run by the YGAM charity who offer workshops to Parents and Carers regarding Gaming and Gambling. Their knowledge is current and helps those of us with less technical knowledge know how to be more aware. If you are interested in signing up for this, please can you click on the link below:

Workshop: Gaming and Gambling Awareness and Information Session: For Parents and Carers

Date: Wednesday 25th January 2023

Time: 10:00am – 11:15am

Venue: Online, via Microsoft Teams

To register: [25/01/2023 YGAM Parent Awareness Workshop Booking Link](#)

Reporting Absence: Please remember that you can either report your child's absence via Weduc or you can leave a message on the telephone system. Please leave a reason for the absence so that we can mark it on the registers.



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Number Day 2023: We will celebrate Number's Day again this year following its success last year. This will be a fun day of maths activities. The children will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits**. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number in it e.g. a football shirt, a cap or even a onesie! Or you could be even more creative and dress up in a maths or numbers theme. Last year, we had lots of inventive ideas. More information will follow next week.

Farewell: Today we said goodbye to Odile Ebanks, one of our TAs who has worked with us since 2019. Odile leaves us to go and work as Home Learning Support in the Bromley Borough. We wish her well in the future.

Important Dates for the Spring Term:

Thursday January 19th – Parent Coffee Morning Chill and Chat (please note change of date)

Friday 20th January – Mufti Day Please wear something purple if possible

Wednesday 25th January – Parent Coffee Morning/Workshop – How we teach Literacy and Writing (please note change of date)

Tuesday 31st January – Parent Coffee Morning/Workshop – How we teach Numeracy

Friday 3rd February: Number Day 2023 in aid of the NSPCC. Children to dress in mufti (number related if possible)

Friday 10th February – Parent Coffee Morning Chill and Chat

Friday 10th February – Last day of the half term (finish at 3pm)

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term Holiday

Monday 20th February – INSET (no children in school)

Tuesday 21st February – Children return to school

Friday 24th February – Parent Coffee Morning SaLT led by Beth Gentry Hobson

Monday 27th March – Friday 3rd March – Book Week

Friday 3rd March – Mufti Day for Book Week

Thursday 9th March – Parent Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat

Monday 13th March – Friday 17th March – Science Week

Tuesday 14th March – Parent Coffee Morning – How we teach Literacy/Reading

Wednesday 22nd March – Parent Evening

Thursday 23rd March – Parent Coffee Morning OT and NAS

Monday 27th-Wednesday 29th March – Squelch Theatre for Key Stage 1

Friday 31st March – Last Day of Spring Term (break up at 1:30)

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – Children return for summer term

Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks

Katie Goodwin

Head Teacher

