

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd
February 2023

Learning Together



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another week here at St Nicholas. I managed to walk around all of the classes earlier in the week to catch up with the staff and children and I saw some wonderful learning in all of the classes.

Teachers Strike: Thank you for your understanding for the school closure for the teachers Strike last Wednesday. The next planned strike day is Thursday 2nd March. I will inform parents nearer the time what will be happening with the school on that day.

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 they feel better and 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. We have also had some chicken pox cases in some of our Reception + Year 1 classes. Chicken Pox is infectious from 2 days before the spots appear and until they have crusted over. Other symptoms include a high temperature, aches and pain, generally feeling unwell and a loss of appetite. Children may not return to school until the spots have completely dried up.

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.

GDPR form on Weduc: Please can you complete the GDPR form on Weduc. This is where you give permission for your child's photo to be used in school, on our school website and on social media. Please can you complete this as soon as possible. We are hoping to start making some training videos of strategies and resources we use in school and knowing which children we can use as part of these videos will be useful.

Coffee Morning: We had another brilliant coffee morning this week on 'How we teach Numeracy' at St Nicks. Laura McNally and Catherine Holloway (our Maths Leads) showed many of the resources we use and the Scheme of Work we use as well. I will be sending out all slides from the coffee mornings we have had. We are also looking at recording some videos to show some of the resources being used to support you at home. Our next coffee morning will be a Chill and Chat session on Friday 10th February. Please come along and meet other parents and have a chat with some tea and biscuits.

Number Day 2023: Today at St Nicholas School, we celebrated Number Day raising money for the NSPCC. There have been lots of fun activities taking place, such as making number crowns, putting numbers into order in the interactive whiteboard, singing our favourite songs alongside using props and ordering our friends in the class into ordinal numbers. Staff and pupils have yet again made a fantastic effort wearing costumes today. I have been amazed at the creativity, especially lots of handmade costumes by our very talented parents, so thank you! Each teacher has decided on the best dressed pupil in their class and was awarded with a special certificate. I will announce next week how much money we raised as a school for the NPSCC. Thank you staff, pupils and parents for taking part. Laura McNally, Maths KS1 Coordinator.



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World Book Day: The week beginning February 27th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in School. The genre of book we have chosen to celebrate is Fairy Tales. Vanessa Bryan and the Literacy Team are busy planning some activities and workshops for the children and more information will follow shortly. On Friday March 3rd, we will have a dress up day. The theme will be Fairy tale characters or your favourite book character.

Important Dates for the Spring Term:

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
Thursday 2nd March: Possible Teachers Strike Day
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 15th March: Possible Teachers Strike Day
Thursday 16th March: Possible Teachers Strike Day
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 POSTPONED UNTIL JULY
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. The new term dates for the academic year 2023-2024 are attached. Natalie has also sent these separately on Weduc and they are also on the website.

Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher



ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Term Dates: 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Training day: Monday 4th September
Training Day; Tuesday 5th September

Open to pupils: Wednesday 6th September
Last day for pupils: Friday 20th October

Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Open to pupils: Monday 30th October
Training day: Friday 24th November
Last day for pupils: Thursday 21st December

Spring Term 2024

Open to pupils: Monday 8th January
Last day for pupils: Friday 9th February

Half term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Training day: Monday 19th February

Open to pupils: Tuesday 20th February
Last day for pupils: Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Open to pupils: Monday 15th April
Bank holiday: Monday 6th May
Last day for pupils: Friday 24th May

Half term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Open to pupils: Monday 3rd June
Training day: Monday 24th June
Last day for pupils: Wednesday 24th July