

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th
February 2023

Learning Together



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. I think we all needed the rest. The children have come back refreshed and looking forward to some of the events we have happening this term.

NEU Strike: As you are aware, the school will be closed to ALL pupils on Thursday 2nd March due to strike action by teachers in the NEU. No children will be able to come to school that day. If your child is in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals, you should receive your voucher next week. Please see the letter that was sent earlier today on Weduc for further information.

Book Week: Next week in school, we will be celebrating book week. The theme we have chose this year is Fairy Tales. Classes will be choosing their favourite fairy tale and will do some activities based on that fairy tale. We have also got a company in to do a fairy tale workshop with the children. Key Stage 1 will have their workshops on Monday and Key Stage 2 will have theirs on Tuesday. I am looking forward to seeing all of the activities and work go up on display. On Friday, we will celebrate World Book Day by having a mufti day at school. Children can dress up either as their favourite Fairy Tale character or as their favourite book character or they can come dressed in their own clothes.

School Website: Abbie McQueeney has continued to develop our school website and recently has been working on the Parent Support page. This has now gone live (please click on the link below). There is still further information to go up so if you know of any useful links or support agencies, please can you let Abbie know. Further, if there are any other suggestions for what else you would like to see on the parent support page, can you also please message her as well. [Parent Support – St Nicholas School \(st-nicholas.croydon.sch.uk\)](https://parentsupport-stnicholas.croydon.sch.uk)

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 specific reason for the absence so that we can mark it on the registers. We urge that rather than saying your child is 'unwell', you let us know the illness they have e.g. vomiting/diarrhoea/headache/cold etc so that we can add this to our absence records.

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. We are only waiting for 50 more responses so if you are one of those 50, please make sure you complete the form.

The National Sleep Helpline: In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence based advice. Please see the attached flyer for further information. As a school, we are also hoping to get the Evalina Clinic in to do a coffee morning around sleep during the summer term.

CSMA choir: Next week, some of our choir members will be going to the Fairfield Halls in Croydon to rehearse for the CSMA music concert. The children have been working very hard on learning the songs and the words and I am looking forward to seeing them in concert on March 9th.

Science Week: The week beginning March 13th, we will be celebrating Science Week in School. The theme for this year is 'Connections'. Further information will follow shortly.



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Important Dates for the Spring Term:

Monday 27th March – Friday 3rd March – Book Week
Thursday 2nd March: Teachers Strike Day. School closed to all pupils
Friday 3rd March – Mufti Day for Book Week (Fairy Tale Theme)
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.

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





Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE
QUESTIONS YOU
WANT ANSWERS TO

 **03303 530 541**
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am