

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 3rd
March 2023



Dear Parents,

We had an eventful week here at St Nicholas. We have been lucky enough to have 2 different workshop groups in working with the children and doing lots of fun activities as well as Book Week activities going on in all classes. The children really enjoyed both workshops.

African Workshop: Earlier in the week, children in Years 2-6 were lucky enough to take part in an African Workshop. The children had great fun using African drums to create a rhythm and also did some beautiful African artwork. Year 5 particularly enjoyed this as they have been looking at Africa as part of their geography topic.

Book Week: World book week has been an exciting time and the classes enjoyed exploring traditional tale and also many of the older classes listened to different versions of traditional tales. We had 2 days of workshops for both KS1 and Key Stage 2 where the children were transported to a land of fairytale magic. The children have created lots of work linked to their chosen fairy tale. Today the children and adults have dressed up as their favourite book character or as a Fairy Tale character. They look amazing! Please see pictures at the end of the newsletter.

Holiday Activities and Food: Thousands of Croydon children who are eligible for and claiming benefits-based free school meals (FSM) can now sign up for free activity clubs with healthy meals over the school holidays. Open to eligible children and young people aged 4-16 years. Please use the following link:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food>

Another parent has also let Juliet Bellgambi know about another amazing place for children with SEN and their families. CASPA Bromley. Providing activities and opportunities for Autistic children and Adults in and around the Bromley Borough. Further information on the following link: <https://caspabromley.org.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.

CSMA choir: On Thursday March 9th, some of our choir members will be singing at the Fairfield Halls as part of the CSMA Music Association. They had their first rehearsal week at Fairfield Halls and, although it was daunting being on the stage with so many other people, all of the choir did very well. The children will be singing a medley of songs from musicals and pop as well as songs about London. I am really looking forward to seeing them perform next week.

Chill and Chat Coffee Morning: We have another Chill and Chat coffee morning next week. This is an opportunity for to you to come and meet with other parents and discuss topics of your choosing. Please sign up via the form on Weduc.

Parent Evening: We will be having our Spring Term Parents Evening on Wednesday 22nd March. Please make sure you sign up for your time slot. Your meeting with the teacher can either take place face to face or via MS Teams. Please note that some teachers may do their Parents Evening a different day that week (due to their own working days). They will be in touch if they do.



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Important Dates for the Spring Term:

- 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)

Thank you for your understanding this week while we closed for Teachers Strike. There are 2 further strikes planned on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. I will confirm by Tuesday 7th March if we plan to close for these 2 days.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Term Dates: 2023-2024

<p>Autumn Term 2023</p> <p><i>Training day: Monday 4th September</i> <i>Training Day; Tuesday 5th September</i></p> <p>Open to pupils: Wednesday 6th September Last day for pupils: Friday 20th October</p> <p>Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October</p> <p>Open to pupils: Monday 30th October <i>Training day: Friday 24th November</i> Last day for pupils: Thursday 21st December</p>
<p>Spring Term 2024</p> <p>Open to pupils: Monday 8th January Last day for pupils: Friday 9th February</p> <p>Half term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February</p> <p><i>Training day: Monday 19th February</i></p> <p>Open to pupils: Tuesday 20th February Last day for pupils: Thursday 28th March</p>
<p>Summer Term 2024</p> <p>Open to pupils: Monday 15th April Bank holiday: Monday 6th May Last day for pupils: Friday 24th May</p> <p>Half term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May</p> <p>Open to pupils: Monday 3rd June <i>Training day: Monday 24th June</i> Last day for pupils: Wednesday 24th July</p>



