

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 10th
March 2023



Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. We have had a busy week once again this week and there have been some lovely achievements with our school choir – which I will talk about in this newsletter.

Strike Action: Please be aware that St Nicholas School will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March due to strike action. School will re-open on Friday 17th March.

Snow Day: Thank you all for your patience and understanding with the school closure due to snow on Wednesday. Both ourselves and transport were struggling with staff being able to travel to work safely and on time, and we were unable to guarantee that we would have sufficient staff to run the school. If we do get snow again, please make sure you check Weduc in the morning as this is where we post any messages.

CSMA choir: Last night, our school choir performed at the Fairfield Halls as part of the Croydon Schools Music Association Concert. They sang a varied songbook including a firm favourite of 'Sweet Caroline', 'Count on Me' and 'Dancing Queen'. They were all fantastic on the night and I am extremely proud of how they represented our school. Thank you to Gaynor Pilbeam and Trish Bates for rehearsing all of the songs with the children. Thank you also to Vanessa Bryan, Belinda Gregory and Angela Crook for supporting the children on the night.

Science Week: Next week we will be celebrating science week in school. The theme for the week is Connections. The children will be doing many science experiments in class and we will let you know what experiments they did in next week's newsletter. We also have some classes who have some tadpoles and caterpillars in the class and watching them evolve so we will keep you updated on their progress.

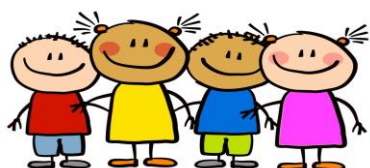
Holiday Activities and Food: Thousands of Croydon children who are eligible for and claiming benefits-based free school meals (FSM) can now sign up for free activity clubs with healthy meals over the school holidays. Open to eligible children and young people aged 4-16 years. Please use the following 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. Further, it is important that we know the illness your child has as we do have some vulnerable children in school that need to know if they have been in contact with illnesses such as Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever.

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.

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:

Monday 13th March – Friday 17th March – Science Week
Tuesday 14th March – Parent Coffee Morning – How we teach Literacy/Reading
Wednesday 15th March: Teachers Strike Day – School Closed to pupils
Thursday 16th March: Teachers Strike Day – School Closed to pupils
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

