

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 10th
November 2023



Dear Parents,
I hope that you are all keeping well? We have continued to have a busy week here at St Nicholas.

Parents Evening: It was lovely seeing many of you at Parents Evening this week. I hope you all enjoyed meeting your child's teacher, seeing your child's work and reading through their Pupil Passport. I am looking forward to seeing those parents from Giraffe, Elm and Zebra next Tuesday 14th November. I will confirm the date for parents evening for Badger class next week.

Nut Free School: As a reminder, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. No nut products must be brought into school in lunch boxes or as snacks. This includes peanut flavoured crisps, yogurts or chocolate. We have children and staff with nut allergies in school. If staff members see nut products in lunch boxes, we will be removing them to ensure the safety of others.

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA): As part of our school improvement we are working on parent engagement and for this we are working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award. We would like to have a parent join us as part of a working party for this accreditation. Please let Sarah Holliday know if you are interested in joining in this group. Information about the accreditation is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Women's Football at Crystal Palace: Crystal Palace Women's Football team are currently trying to beat their record crowd attendance at Selhurst Park for their women's fixture, next weekend – 19th November at 2pm.

As a school in their local area, they would love to invite our students and give them two free tickets to the game. They are very excited about the growth of women's football and inspiring the next generation!

The Eagles will have plenty of things going on for the family to enjoy! Alongside the brilliant football, they will have activations with competitions before the game, face painting, plenty of food AND giveaways, with an opportunity to meet the players at the end.

Crystal Palace are offering **TWO FREE** tickets to the fixture. All you need to do is:

- Head to this link: tinyurl.com/yn4fakpv
- Fill in your details and add how many tickets
- Enter the promo code at checkout: CPFCWLSC
- Complete your order and you will receive two e-tickets to your email

We hope to see you at Selhurst Park and help Crystal Palace beat their record attendance!

Colder Weather: Now that the colder weather has arrived, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will always try to take the children outside during the day for some fresh air as this is essential for their sensory regulation during the day.

Parent Policies: Before half term, Parent Policies, the Parent Code of Conduct and the Home/School Agreement were sent home via Weduc. Please follow the link so that you can sign the form on Weduc.

Important Dates

Monday 13th November: Social Stories
Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15th November: School
dentist

Thursday 23rd November: Introduction
to Little Wandle Phonics Scheme Coffee
Morning

Friday 24th November: School Closed for
pupils. Staff INSET

Tuesday 28th November: Winter craft
KS1

Wednesday 29th November: Winter Craft
KS2

Wednesday 29th November: M&M
Productions 'Snow White'

Monday 4th December: PECS coffee
morning

Wednesday 13th December: KS1 show
am and KS2 show pm

Thursday 14th December: KS2 show am
and KS1 show pm

Thursday 21st December: Last day of
term. Break up at 1:30

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Parent Facebook Page: The Parents of St Nicholas Purley Facebook Page is a page that has been set up by parents as a support and information sharing network. Parents should not be using the page to raise concerns about a teacher or the school. In the first instance, you should be messaging your child's class teacher about any concerns. Staff are very good at informing the SLT when issues arise. If you feel it is necessary, you can also message a member of SLT for further support. If you feel that your concern has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you can then raise the concern with myself via the Complaints Policy (this is on the school website).

Parents should not be posting screenshots of Weduc messages they have received from a class teacher and should also not be naming the class teacher online. I have written a Parent Code of Conduct and updated the Home/School Agreement which will be taken to Governors at our next Governor meeting in October before I send out to parents.

In addition to this, if you speak to a teacher or a member of staff over the phone or face to face, please can we make sure that we are respectful to each other. In school, we teach and remind the children to 'Be Kind' and as adults we should be modelling this behaviour. I understand that as parents you have concerns, all that I ask is that you go through the correct channels to deal with them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Absence reporting: If your child is absent due to illness or for a medical appointment, please can you do this via Weduc or pressing 2 on the phone system and leave a message. Please give 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 etc so that we can keep a track of illnesses in the school and if there are any contagious infections. In some cases, we need to alert the Public Health Agency. **Please note that if you do not inform us of absence, it goes down as an 'N' code in the registers which is an unauthorised absence.** Further, if your child is sick or un-well when they are in school, we will call parents to ask you to come and collect them **immediately**. Please make sure that we have the correct phone numbers for both contacts.

Winter Crafts: On Tuesday 28th November (KS1) and Wednesday 29th (KS2) we will have our annual Winter Craft event. This is an opportunity for you to come and do some winter crafts with your child and their siblings at school. Some of the craft activities include Scratch Art Snowmen, Glitter Tattoos, Wooden tealight holders, decorating Santa hats, cake and biscuit decorating as well as lots of other fun activities. Refreshments will also be available. Please look out for the letter and the sign up form on Weduc next week.

Remembrance Weekend: This Sunday is remembrance Sunday. Please see below a lovely wreath that has been made by all the classes in the school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Happy Diwali to all of those who are celebrating.
Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher



LPPA

improving
parental
engagement

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

Develop positive relationships with parents

This whole-school Award helps your school to work in partnership with all parents and carers. Parental participation in school life has a large and positive impact on pupils' learning and can also improve punctuality, attendance, and behaviour.

Undertaking the LPPA will ensure that outstanding parental engagement sits at the heart of your school life now and in the future, as well as allowing you to demonstrate your outstanding provision to key stakeholders.

What's in the Leading Parent Partnership Award framework?

Transition

Support parents as their children transition through or between schools.

Participation

Include all groups of parents in supporting their children's learning and developing their own learning.

Communication

Take steps to ensure that the school is a welcoming communicative and friendly place for parents.

Guidance

Provide clear and accessible guidance to help parents support their children's learning and development.

Induction

Provide clear guidance on the responsibilities of parents, schools and pupils, and share this information with parents as a key part of the induction process.

Home-school links

Produce parent-friendly policies to establish effective home-school links.

The LPPA has been promoting excellence in parent partnership in schools and other educational settings since 2003. As of 2020, more than 2,000 schools have been accredited or are currently working through the process.

What our schools think...

'This award works for all schools regardless of progress to date. For a school just starting on the development of parental engagement, it is a comprehensive framework that can be substantially supported by external experts. For schools with much already in place, it helps identify gaps quickly, helps shape development work incrementally and allows endorsement of existing good practice. For those schools who have extensive established good practice, it is a health check and great Ofsted evidence.' The Nobel School, Hertfordshire

How do schools achieve the Leading Parent Partnership Award?



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