

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 19th
January 2024



Dear Parents,

The colder weather has hit us this week but that hasn't stopped the children enjoying being outside. The children are continuing to enjoy their new topics and lots of exciting learning has taken place.

Road Safety Week: Next week, the children will celebrate Road Safety Week in School. All of the children will do some activities to support them with being safe on the road. They will watch and listen to some Road Safety video clips and songs as well as completing other road safety activities such as role playing crossing the road and looking for road safety heroes. On Friday 26th January, there will be a 'Be bright, be seen' mufti day at school. Please wear bright clothing! If you go on a walk with your child to the shop or park over the next few weeks, please send us a photo of them being safe when they are out and about. Or if your child uses a bus or train, send us a photo of them travelling in a sustainable way.

Absence Reporting Procedure: To report an absence please do so through the absence report section on Weduc or message the class teacher. Please follow the link for a step-by-step guide to report absence via Weduc.

<https://weduchelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/14181580731921-How-do-I-report-an-absence-for-my-child->

SaLT Coffee Morning: It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our SaLT coffee morning this week. The next SaLT coffee morning will be on 5th February. Please make sure you sign up!

Karl Kissekka Memorial: It was lovely seeing the staff and children wear their purple mufti today in memory of Kar. The children have had fun singing and dancing today, colouring in picture of Peter Rabbit and enjoying some cake and custard – all of his favourite activities.

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. There are a few parents who have not yet signed so will be sending out reminders leading up to the end of term.

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.

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.

In the event of snow over the coming months, the school will message via Weduc and the school facebook page of any school closure. We liaise with the LA and with transport to see if it is safe enough to open and once we have risk assessed we inform parents as soon as we can.

Important Dates

Monday 22nd January: Road Safety Week

Friday 2nd February: Maths Number Day

Monday 5th February: Whole School Well-being week

5th February: SaLT Coffee Morning – Communication Boards

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

Monday 19th February: INSET (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 20th February: Children return to school

Monday 4th March: Book Week

Friday 8th March: World Book Day – mufti

Monday 11th March: Science Week

18th March: SaLT coffee Morning – Behavioural and sensory feeding

Wednesday 20th March: Parents Evening – Whole school

Thursday 28th March: Last Day of Term – finish at 1:30

Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April: Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April: Children return for summer term

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Virtual Autism Parenting Workshop: We have been sent details by a Neurodiverse Training and Support organisation who have recently launched some parenting workshops. These workshops are aimed at parents who are currently awaiting a diagnosis or who have recently received one and would like more information. Please see the attached flyer for further information about signing up to the courses. These will also take place online over Zoom.

Little Wandle Books: Please can you have a look at home for any Little Wandle Reading books that have been sent home in your child's book bag. These are part of our phonic reading scheme. We have had some un-returned books which has meant we are left with short supply for other children to use as part of their weekly reading.

Croydon Library Sessions: Do you have children under the age of 5? Croydon libraries are running some Rhymetime and Storytime sessions that can help your child learn to talk and develop their imagination. Please see the flyer below.

Term Dates 2024-2025: The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year are attached to the end of this newsletter. They will also go on the website and sent via Weduc.

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher

Under fives sessions at Croydon Libraries

Ashburton	Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am
Bradmore Green	Rhymetime - Fridays 11am
Broad Green	Rhymetime - Mondays 11am
Central	Rhymetime - Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 11am
Coulsdon	Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am
New Addington	Rhymetime - Fridays 11am
Norbury	Rhymetime - Thursdays 11am
Purley	Rhymetime - Tuesdays 10.30am
Sanderstead	Rhymetime - Mondays 10.30am
Selsdon	Rhymetime - Wednesdays 10.30am Storytime - Saturdays 10.30am
Shirley	Rhymetime - Fridays 11am
South Norwood	Rhymetime - Fridays 11am
Thornton Heath	Rhymetime - Wednesdays 11am

Our Rhymetimes and Storytimes can help your child learn to talk and develop their imagination. Come along and join the fun. These sessions are for families.



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Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code



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Term Dates: 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Training day: Monday 2nd September

Training Day; Tuesday 3rd September

Open to pupils: Wednesday 4th September

Last day for pupils: Friday 18th October

Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October

Open to pupils: Monday 28th October

Training day: Friday 29th November

Last day for pupils: Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 8th January

Last day for pupils: Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Open to pupils: Monday 24th February

Last day for pupils: Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 22nd April

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May

Last day for pupils: Friday 23rd May

Half term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Training day: Monday 2nd June

Open to pupils: Tuesday 3rd June

Training day: Monday 30th June

Last day for pupils: Tuesday 22nd July