

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday
26th January 2024



Dear Parents,

It has been a very blustery week but the children have coped really well with the windy conditions. We also had a visit from Kathy Roberts, who is the Special Educational Needs Transformation Manager at Croydon Council. She came to visit our pathway classes and was amazed at the brilliant work that she was seeing and how engaged all of the children were.

Road Safety Week: This week, the children celebrated Road Safety Week in School. All of the children worked on activities to support them with being safe on the road. They watched and listened 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. Please send in any photos if you have been on a walk with your child to the shop or park or if your child uses a bus or train or scooter to travel anywhere.



Important Dates

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

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->

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.

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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.

SEN Transport Service Independent Travel and transitions information day: Croydon's SEN Transport Team will be hosting a special event for parents, carers and young people with SEN. There will be talks by professionals and students to give strategies and advice centred on keeping safe on transport and in the community. They will also be giving advice and support with transition planning. This will take place in the Braithwaite Hall on Thursday 15th February. Flyer is attached to this newsletter.

While I am on the subject on transport, the school is working closely with Croydon SEN transport as we know that there have been some issues with Route 6 recently. We are closely monitoring the situation and have supported transport with putting some improvements in place that will hopefully mean a successful and calm journey to school and home for the children on that route. Please do let us know if any issues continue.

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

SEN TRANSPORT SERVICE, INDEPENDENT TRAVEL AND TRANSITIONS INFORMATION DAY
In association with Croydon Bus Day

Join Croydon's SEN Transport team, the Independent Travel Training team and colleagues supporting Transitions for an exciting event for parents, carers and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in the borough. We are proud to host talks by professionals and students, to give strategies and advice centred on keeping safe on transport and in the community, and giving advice and support with transition planning.

SPECIAL GUESTS

- DOG WARDEN
- TFL (BUS DAY)
- SAFEHAVEN NEW ADDINGTON
- THE METROPOLITAN POLICE
- SEND SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP
- AND MANY MORE
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEAM
- ACTIVE LIVES
- EARLY YEARS SEND
- SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

BRAITHWAITE HALL
Katharine St, Croydon CR0 1NX
10:30AM - 3:30PM

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THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024

JOIN US FOR WALK-IN ADVICE ABOUT THE 2024 TRANSPORT APPLICATION PROCESS AND THE TRIP GUIDANCE.
> BOOK YOUR PLACE, CONTACT SEN TRANSPORT@CROYDON.GOV.UK <

Come and meet professionals involved in SEN Transport, Independent Travel and Progression from 10:30AM. You will also be able to see the choices available as your child moves into adulthood.

11:00AM Welcome to the event & introductions
11:30AM Independent Travel Training: Carers and Trainees' Experiences
12:00PM Youth Engagement Team
12:30PM The Safe Haven Project
13:00PM Meet the Dog Warden and Winnie
14:00PM TFL & other guests

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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 6th 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