

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

March 1st
February 2024



Dear Parents,

It has been a very wet and windy week here at St Nicholas. We have had some wonderful activities take place at school during the week that have given the children lots of enrichment opportunities.

World Book Week: The week beginning 4th March is World Book Week which we will be celebrating in school. Each class are going to choose their favourite book and will do lots of fun activities linked in with the story. Classes will also decorate their doors with the work they have done. We will also have Savvy Theatre (the resident theatre of Fairfield Halls) are going to do some story telling workshops with the children. On Friday 8th March, we will also dress up for World Book Day. Children can come dressed in as their favourite book character. Please do not feel that you need to buy your child a costume – they could make a mask of their favourite character and wear that. I have added in some ideas at the end of the newsletter that Natasha Maloney (one of our Reading leads) has found.

Important Dates

Monday 4th March: Book Week
Wednesday 6th March + Thursday 7th March: Mother's Day Gift Shop open
Friday 8th March: World Book Day – mufti favourite book character
Monday 11th March: Science Week
Friday 15th March: Comic Relief – mufti dress as something silly.
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

Friends of St Nicks: If you are interested in being part of the new committee please follow this link Forming the Friends of St Nicks Committee (office.com) to show your interest. You are also able to suggest ideas for future events. If you have any questions regarding the Friends please contact friendsofstnicks2024@outlook.com for any further information.
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Mother's Day Wrap: Thank you to those of you who have sent in gift donations for the Mother's Day Wrap. We will have some busy volunteers in next week wrapping all of the presents. On **Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March**, the 'Friends of St Nicks' will be holding a Mother's Day Gift Shop. If you would like your child to purchase a Mother's Day Gift, please send them in with a cash donation on these days and let the class teacher know.

Comic Relief: We will be celebrating Comic Relief in school this year on **Friday 15th March**. The theme for this is 'Do something funny for the money'. On this day, we are asking the children to dress up as silly as they can – they can wear a silly hat, or a silly wig, nose + glasses, or in a silly outfit. Alternatively, they can dress head to toe in the colour red. We also want the children to do something silly for their class – this could be telling a funny joke or doing a funny dance routine. We will set up a link on Weduc for people to make donations and we will send this to Comic Relief.

ADHD workshop: There is a virtual workshop session taking place on Thursday 7th March between 4-5pm. The session will be run by Paul Cabb and will look at the nature of ADHD, assessment and diagnosis, including thoughts around medication. A range of other reasons will also be covered, which may be affecting pupil attention and lots of positive tips to support parents at home. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the zoom link for this.

Communication between school and parents: The school is continuing to work on improving its communication with parents and I wanted to make you aware of some of the work that is going on. We have a trial group of parents on Evidence for Learning. This is where teachers can share work that your child has done during the week and you can also share things they have done at home. We are also going to be introducing Behaviour Watch which will inform parents of any behaviour incidents or administering of First Aid during the day. We also have the LPPA group working on engagement with parents. Finally I am in the process of writing a Parent Questionnaire which will hopefully be out before Easter.

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Parent Policies: Last 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. These are all policies that are recommended by the LA and be the DfE so it is important that they are signed. There are a few parents who have not yet signed (we are waiting for 60 responses) so will be sending out reminders leading up to the end of term.

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 phonics 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.

Leading Parent Partnership Award: Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in joining our working party for the LPPA. We now have our audit booked and will then be updating you with the next steps that we will be working on. If anyone is still interested in joining the working party please do let Sarah know via Weduc.

Sensory Processing Accredited Course: The Autism Training Network will be running a course for parents and professionals on Sensory Processing. The course aims to increase knowledge and understanding about how people with sensory challenges may experience the world around, how to meet individual's sensory needs and how important stimming can be for regulation. Practical strategies and reasonable adjustments will be discussed. If you are interested in this course, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

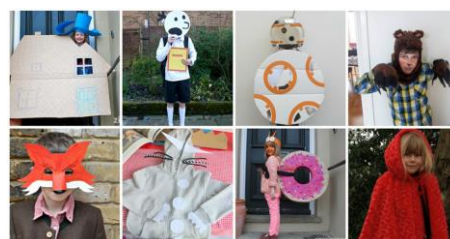
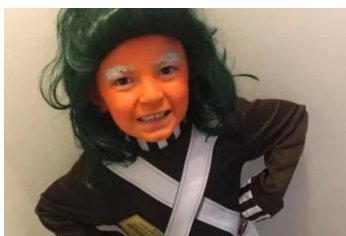
Term Dates 2024-2025: The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year are attached to the end of this newsletter. They will also go on the website and sent via Weduc.

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.

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->

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher



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Sensory Processing Programme

This programme will explore the 8 sensory systems and how the environment can impact on Autistic individuals.

The aim of this course is to increase knowledge and understanding about how people with sensory challenges may experience the world around, how to meet an individual's sensory needs and how important stimming can be for regulation.

We will be discussing practical strategies and reasonable adjustments that will have a positive impact and facilitate learning.

Our Sensory programme will be held on Zoom on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th March 2024 2-5pm

Wednesday 20th March 2024 2-5pm

Wednesday 27th March 2024 2-5pm

The cost of this 3-hour programme is £50

To book you place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



ADHD WORKSHOP



ONLINE
Thursday 7th March
4 - 5pm

Concerned about your child's attention?

In this virtual session we will look at the nature of ADHD, assessment and diagnosis, including thoughts around medication.

We will look at a range of other reasons which may be affecting your child's attention and lots of positive tips to support you in helping you children at home (40 minutes)

To finish there will be the opportunity to chat and share experiences and views (20 minutes)

Come and join us!

CLICK HERE
or
ZOOM
Meeting ID: 825 611 9517
Passcode: 1234

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ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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