



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)}
First School

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Tuesday 6th September 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back for the start of the Autumn Term 2016! I trust that you had an enjoyable Summer, we were certainly blessed with some lovely sunshine and warm days this year. Indeed I believe the latter part of this week continues to be warm again too. As such please send children to school in appropriate uniform to allow them to be comfortable, not forgetting sun cream if weather requires it.

Teachers will be sending out information to you all over the next few weeks, providing you with class specific information, sharing timetable arrangements, special projects and class routines and expectations. I will also publish these online for parents to access at their leisure as and when I receive them. We will continue to enjoy our Inspiration Days where children are immersed in their topic for the day to launch the term's topic, as well as other new initiatives such as Forest Schools which will be available for children in EYFS and KS1.

This term we welcome three new members of staff to the school team. Miss Abbiss has already settled in quickly and is teacher for 2A this year. Also we welcome Miss Hughes who will provide teaching assistant support in Reception, working with Miss Bolton and finally Miss Cottle will be working alongside Miss Sullivan in our Wraparound Care setting. Please do go along and introduce yourself to our new starters and help them to settle in quickly.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents for all of their kind words, comments and gifts that were received by the staff at the end of term, whilst these are by no means expected, staff were genuinely overwhelmed by your support for the work they do. I'd also like to thank our teachers and support staff for their work in the holidays, for some moving classrooms and for others updating and refreshing their classrooms, creating exciting and well organised spaces in which our children will thrive. Indeed we closed our INSET day with a walk around the classrooms where we were able to acknowledge all of the good

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practice that exists in the school and support one another in the pursuit of the very highest standards.

As was the case last year, a member of the leadership team will continue to be available to parents before the start of the school day on the playground from 8.30am onwards. This gives parents an opportunity to share any special news, ask a quick question or bring anything of note to our attention. Please use these opportunities to communicate with us if you have something that we should know. If you prefer/require a private appointment then please mention this and we can arrange to meet at our mutual convenience. Working in partnership with our parents and families is key to the success of our children.

I know for some of our parents this week will have been challenging, it is hard to entrust your child to others and feel that they will be cherished and loved in the way that they are at home. For some this will have been your first experience of this. Please be assured, whether our youngest or oldest children in school, your children matter to us. If your child has had a little wobble starting or returning to school, this is normal, more often than not they settle very quickly once in class and if we have any concerns we will always raise them with you proactively. However if you feel unsure about how your child is getting along, just ask.

Newsletters will continue to be published weekly on a Friday. Please do look out for this on the website as this will be the primary source of school information. If you require a paper copy, please report to the school office where a small number of printed copies are available for you. This week's Friday newsletter will provide you with some key dates for the term, as well as other information or updates you might find useful. There will be no superstars until next Friday to allow for children and teachers to settle in to new routines.

Once again may I thank you for your support last year and here's to a successful 2016-2017 for the St Nicholas CE VC First School community!

Best wishes
Miss J Parker



COME AND JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

The PTFA would like to warmly welcome you to St Nicholas 1st School and invite you to join us for a cuppa and a chat. This is an opportunity to find out a little bit more about what we do, but also to meet some other new parents, members of staff and ask any questions you may have about life at St Nics.

Friday 9th September
9-9.45 / 10.45-11.30 / 2.30-3.15

- Just want to make new friends?
- Full of ideas at improving events?
- Brilliant at blagging freebies?
- Horribly disorganised but happy to help?

If you can't make it on Friday, but have any questions you want answering or would like to find out more about the PTFA, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

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