



St Nicholas^{CE (VC)} First School

learning and believing, growing and achieving

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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the start of the Autumn Term 2018! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer and had the opportunity to enjoy some time together with friends and family.

We have had a great start to the term, all the children have come back to school, ready and raring to go, all looking extremely smart in their uniforms. May I remind everyone that whilst the weather is still showing signs of Summer children are allowed to wear their Summer uniform or Winter uniform, whichever you feel your child is most comfortable in. This is up to October half-term, from then on I imagine us to be fully into the Autumn season where full Winter uniform will be required.

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, our first one being on Wednesday 19th September where children are immersed in their topic. Please read on further to see what each year groups Inspiration Day focus will be.

During the Autumn term we always have lots of 'welcomes' to mention, firstly to all our new families starting throughout the school and then to all our new children starting. This week we welcomed many new Nursery and Reception children (some of which may have older siblings that have or do still attend St Nics). We hope that you greatly enjoy your time with us at St Nicholas and enjoy all that we have to offer. Make sure you keep up to date on all the things happening by checking the weekly newsletter, diary dates, website and checking you are signed up to the text messaging services. Don't forget to check school bags for any letters that may have been handed out.

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 cared for 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.

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This term we also welcome four new members of staff to the school team. Miss Hayes has already settled in quickly and is teacher for 4H this year. Also we welcome Mr Piggott who has greatly enjoyed his first week with 3P children. Mrs Rogers who is doing a wonderful job supporting Mr Bailey in RB and also Mrs Keyworth who is working 2 days supporting our youngest children in the Nursery alongside Miss Griffiths and the rest of the Nursery team. 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.

A reminder that should another parent, friend or relative be collecting your child from school, you must tell the class teacher of the alternative arrangements. This may be a quick message in the morning, a signed note, calling / emailing the school office. If it is a regular arrangement then please speak to your child's new class teacher so they can ensure your child is dismissed with no delay. If we are not told of someone else collecting your child they will be held in school until you are contacted to confirm this is correct.

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.

Once again may I thank you for your support shown to myself at the end of the last academic year as Miss Parker went on her maternity leave. Here's to a successful 2018-2019 for the St Nicholas CE First School community!

Best wishes
Miss S Pugh



Harvest Church Service
Tuesday 16th October 10am
Years 1 to 4

**This is a wonderful service for
parents, family and friends to attend.**



Individual and Family Photographs
Wednesday 19th September 2018

**Photographs required with siblings not
attending St Nicholas will begin at 8am in
the school library, accessed via the main
school doors on the playground.**

Superstars of the Week!

Class/Award	Name	Reason
N		Well done to all our Nursery children. They have settled into their new nursery setting wonderfully. Miss Griffiths and the Nursery team are very proud of you all and look forward to a super year ahead.
RB	Finnley Goode	A wonderful start n Reception, following the rules and routines wonderfully and being an excellent help when tidying up.
RBP	Ayla Holman	A fantastic week in Reception settling in well and making new friends. Well done!
1M	Jacob Orlowski	Super work and settling into Year 1!
1R	Gracie Watts	Excellent enthusiasm and independence in all her work this week.
2W	Stanley Flynn-Jones	Listening well to others and asking thoughtful questions.
2S	Sofia Bishop	Working very hard in her new class. Keep it up!
3SH	Ruben Patel	Super problem solving in maths.
3P	Avni Chodha	For super handwriting, working hard and settling well into Year 3.
4H	Aden Robbins	A sensible attitude to learning in year 4. Well done Aden.
4G	Sasha De Souza	Consistently exceptional behaviour in all her learning.



Hello! My name is Digi-Dude and every week I will giving you lots of hints and tips to keep you safe online. You will also see me around school teaching you lots of things about technology. Remember, always think before you act or say something online

Be Inspired

Inspiration Day

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Reception

In reception we will be learning all about ourselves in the topic All About Me. We are looking forward to an exciting day exploring our senses. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a barefoot sensory walk; make a fruit face to eat; explore colours and lights in our blackout sensory tent; help plant herbs in our garden area; play instruments on our bandstand and much more!!!

Year 1

Year 1 will begin their exciting topic about the weather by becoming weather experts. We will be using different items to find out the direction of the wind, creating sun catchers and learning about the different weather symbols that forecasters use. Please over the next couple of weeks could you send in a plastic bottle so that we can also make rain gauges.



Year 2

This term Year 2 are exploring different climate zones in the World as part of our topic "Around the World in 80 days". For our inspiration day we will update our passports, pack our suitcases and fly off to the African Savannah! We will learn about the climate there and about the different animals that roam the Savannah. We shall complete an African fact sheet and in the afternoon make an African Silhouette painting! The children will be bringing some homework this weekend to research interesting facts about the African Savannah to share on our inspiration day.



Year 3

Year 3 will be transported back to 43AD where the children will be learning about the Roman army. The children will be designing and making a Roman shield and will then learn Roman army formations through dance. The children will also be given the opportunity to taste some Roman food



Year 4

Year 4 at St Nics are going to step back in time, where the nation pulled together and united as one. We will explore, design, make and evaluate our very own Anderson Shelters, using a range of testing techniques to see whether they may have withstood the events of World War 2. Soon after, we will explore how propaganda was used throughout the war to create a sense of need amongst Great Britain to help ensure as a country, that we were victorious. Watch out, as we get into our learning teams, where all will be revealed in our 'Secret Mission' envelope. It will reveal a moment or event from World War Two, where we will need to think about expression and emotion to create a group freeze frame comic strip to represent that moment in time. To end our day, our brains will be working extremely hard, where we will explore how secret codes helped to win the war; we will get a taste of this by cracking our very own to reveal key facts about our topic. As they said back in the war, WE NEED YOU!





PTFA ANNUAL AGM
Wednesday 26th September 2018
7.00pm, Office Entrance

The PTFA warmly invites you to join us for our Annual AGM and first planning meeting of the year. The AGM is the one formal meeting we have, where we vote in the committee and discuss our calendar of events. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have a great idea for a new event, feedback from last year or just fancy seeing what we're all about, this meeting is for you.

For new parents/guardians at the school the PTFA can be a rewarding way to get more involved as well as a great way to make new friends. Following the AGM we will go to The Crown, and all are welcome to join us.

At the AGM every member of the committee steps down and a new committee is elected. Being on the committee as Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer is open to everyone and if someone new wishes to take on a role, the current committee are happy to support them. If you are interested, please get in touch to find out more.

Even if you can't make the AGM there are lots of ways you can help your PTFA. From running a stall at a single event to turning up to every meeting, we appreciate any and all of the help we are given.

We hope to see you at the meeting,

Lou Griffiths
PTFA Chairperson