



Monday 19th February 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back I do hope all our families had an enjoyable half term break. As we fall back into the habits of early morning rise and joining the school run I can assure you that this term promises to be very busy. This term our core value is one of *Respect* and *Justice* and we will be focussing on this throughout the term. Please find attached our Values Letter.

Book Week

Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March

Next week is the school 'Book Week' to coincide with World Book Day on the 1st March. I know that Mrs Longman has worked very hard to ensure the week is as fun packed as possible and we are also very pleased that the children will be able to meet a national children's author on the Tuesday of Book Week. There will be other events taking place during the day and in the evening, finishing with dress as your favourite book character on the Friday of Book Week. I wonder what staff will dress up as?

Rescheduled Fox Class Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 22nd February

We have rescheduled the Fox class Parent Teacher consultations for Thursday 22nd February. Parents will be able to keep their original appointment times, however if this poses a problem please reschedule the appointment with Mrs Lilly.

Year 1 Parents Meeting

Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm

Parents please make a note of this date in your diary. This meeting is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the upcoming Phonics Screening which children have to compete when they are in year 1. We do hope you can join us.

Staffing

I have to inform parents that Mrs Harper, Deputy Headteacher will not be returning to school this half term due to personal reasons. In the meantime we have appointed a new SEND Leader to the school, Miss Amelia Sisk. We will be arranging a time when parents will be able to meet Miss Sisk more formally later in the term. If parents have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

February 2018

Mon 19th

Children return to school

Wed 21st

Yr R Fun Day at the Marsh Academy

Herald Cup match vs Stelling Minnis at Marsh Academy, KO at 3:15pm spectators welcome!

Thurs 22nd

Yr 1 Rugby Tots for next 5 weeks

Mon 26th

Book Week all this week—more details to follow.

Tues 27th

Book Week - Guest Author visit

March 2018

Thurs 1st

Yr 6 Sailing begins

Yr 1 Parent meeting on Phonics at 2.30pm

Fri 2nd

Book Week Character Dressing-up Day for Yrs R,1,2,4,5 & 6

Yr 3 trip to Brockhill Country Park

Thurs 29th

9.30am Whole School Easter Service at St Nicholas Church, parents welcome

End of Term

April 2018

Mon 16th

Children return to school

Tues 17th

Fun Factory for Yr 1 & Hare Class

Wed 18th

Hockey League starts

Tues 24th

Fun Factory Yr R & Fox Class

JUSTICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value JUSTICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Justice

Justice means more than making things 'fair'.

In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

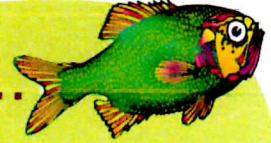
THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr



READ TOGETHER...



The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah.

The great fish had spat him out and swam away.

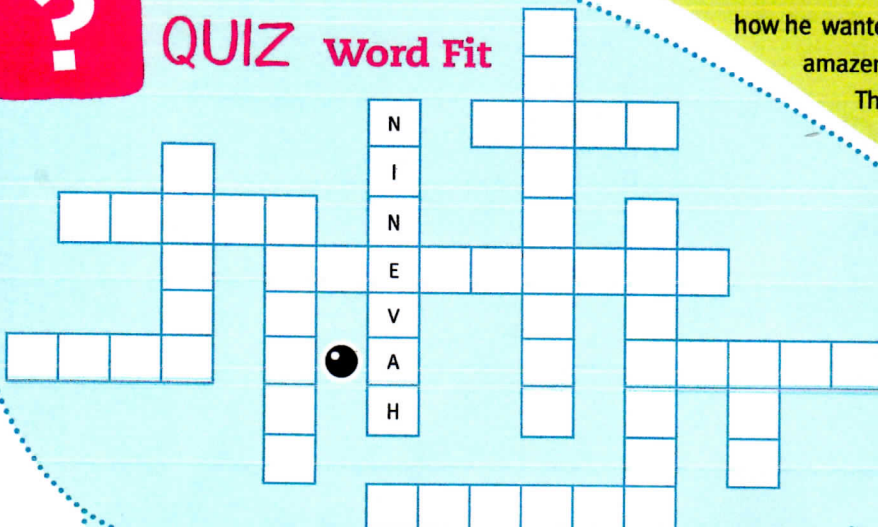
Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Book of Jonah



QUIZ Word Fit



- ANGRY
- CALM
- FISH
- GOD
- GROANED
- JONAH
- MOANER
- OVERBOARD
- PRAYED
- STORM
- SWALLOWED



HALL OF FAME

Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey.

This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.



FAMILY FOCUS

Making a new law

New laws are passed every year by the government.

Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass. Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.



FASCINATING FACTS

The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
- 26 of the people would be under 15 and just 8 of them over 64
- half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
- 82 village people have access to safe drinking water
- 17 people would not be able to read or write
- 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
- there would be 18 cars, 15 computers, 61 mobile phones

Talk with your family about ...

- what you find surprising about these statistics
- what we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
- what you think is **unjust**
- what you think could be done to make the world a more **just** place for everyone

* Taken from 2012 statistics inspired by © If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, 1990.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.

