



Friday 4th March 2022
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has certainly been another very busy week at St Nicholas with the return of Messy Church, all the fun and activities of Book Week - having two visiting authors, the PJ story night last night and all the other class activities have ensured the children have had lots to do in our promotion of reading, but more importantly the joy of Reading for Pleasure. As ever we hope you will continue to promote this at home and continue reading with your child at least 4 times a week. It was also good that so many EYFS parents joined us again on the day so many of the children came into school dressed up. I would like to express my personal thanks to Mrs Lilly our Reading Lead for the organisation and hard work that has gone into arranging the book week events and the wider staff team for being so supportive of the whole event.

This week we invited a former HMI inspector in to review our delivery and progress in writing and I am pleased to say that she felt the delivery and opportunities being offered our children are having the impact we would expect. On of the features we spoke about to focus on was the skill of children having time to edit work and I am pleased that both authors in this week have spoken to the children about the importance of this.

Over the course of the last 7 days we, along with all schools in England, have received 2 communications from the Department for Education about the need to reinforce good attendance in school. Currently the whole school attendance is 91.6% and this is not good. I have sent out a separate letter to all families outlining concerns about our own attendance.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

SODA - Start Of Day Activities.



SODA provides children with 15 minutes additional learning in the morning, each day, before school starts with focussed learning activities.

This gives children the opportunity to have an additional 1 hour and 15 minutes learning added to their working week in a bid to help support them with lost learning as a result of the pandemic. During this time children will focus on activities such as; mental maths, reading, grammar work, 1:1 spelling and handwriting.

Please arrive at 8:30am for this additional support in your child's learning and give them that extra chance to catch up.

Dates for your diary

March

Tues 8th

Y5 Swimming (7 of 8)

Wed 9th

Y3 Roman Workshop Day

Thurs 10th

Herald Cup v
Greatstone @ Maude
Pavillion KO 4pm

Fri 11th

YR Balanceability

Tues 15th

Y5 Swimming (8 of 8)
Y1 trip to Wingham
Wildlife Park

Fri 18th

Red Nose Day – see
newsletter for more
information

YR Balanceability

Mon 21st

Y4 Egyptian Workshop
Day

Fri 25th

YR Balanceability

April

Fri 1st

YR Balanceability

LAST DAY OF TERM

Tues 19th

BACK TO SCHOOL

Birthdays this week



A happy birthday this week to the following pupils:

Alfie N, William R and Aiden R - many happy returns to you all!

World Book Day Photos – many more can be seen on Class Dojo pages or the Twitter page



Messy Church

Over 17 families took part in Messy Church on Thursday evening. It was lovely to see all those families there. We look forward to seeing many more of you next time.



Future dates all starting at 3pm:

24th March
28th April
19th May
16th June



Easyfundraising

A very big **THANK YOU** to all those parents who have already signed up and registered with easyfundraising. Easy Fundraising can help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

This is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. These funds will be used to develop our school library. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for our school.



If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our [easyfundraising page here](#) to get started & PLEASE REGISTER.

Parental Engagement Sessions

This term we are delighted to be able to start opening the school up to parents again. We would like to get parents back into school to see what learning is taking place across the school as a way of helping **you** to support your child's learning.

We do hope you will be able to join us for one of the many dates we have on offer below.

Focus	Date	Time	Details
Reception	Thursdays	8.30am – 9.00am	Stay and read
Adult Education	26/4 to 24/5/22	12.45pm to 2.45pm	Managing Children's Behaviour
Adult Education	12 th 19 th 26 th May	12.45pm to 2.45pm	First Aid for Families
Adult Education	14/6 to 12/7/22	12.45pm to 2.45pm	Autism Awareness
Adult Education	9/6 to 7/7/22	12.45pm to 2.45pm	Cooking on a budget

All Adult Education courses have limited places and can be booked by contacting Lisa Baker.

Come and join our Team

We are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Teaching Assistant to work with our children in Key Stage 2, for 16.25 hours per week, term time only (possibly longer if you take on a lunchtime supervision role).

This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified person with a warm and positive approach, who is passionate about supporting children, and willing to make a full contribution to the life of our expanding academy.

The role may also be suitable for an ambitious graduate, excited by the challenge and looking to pursue a career in teaching.

We are looking for an applicant who:

- Is able to develop positive relationships with all our young children
- Is enthusiastic and committed to working as part of a team
- Is able to be flexible with regard to other classroom work
- Has Maths and English GCSE at grade C or above
- Has NVQ 3 in teaching Support or a related subject

We can offer you:

- Continuous professional development
- A supportive and approachable team
- An exciting chance to assist in the progression and development of our young children

Application Close Date: 07/03/2022

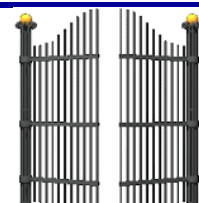
We have joined forces with Recycle4Charity

We are asking families to send in used empty printer cartridges to school. They will be used for recycling & we will receive up to £2 per cartridge. YOU will be helping the environment with your recycling! <http://recycle4charity.co.uk>



Morning Gates Reminder

The gates in the morning are **open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am**. The register is taken in class at 8:45am Please do your best to get your child to school in this 15 minute window as lateness causes disruption to the class and embarrassment to your child.



Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March 2022



Red Nose Day is back in our school after a two year break. The School Council have decided to raise funds for this worthwhile cause by inviting pupils and staff to come to school in red with crazy hair – please support us with a £1 donation on the day.