# Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Newsletter Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Candlemas service**

Last week we celebrated our first Holy Communion at school. This was led by Rev Chris and Rev Jacky. It was lovely to see the children, who had been confirmed earlier in the year, take their communion along with so many



children receiving a blessing from Rev Chris & Rev Jacky. Later in the year there will be an opportunity for children who are thinking about confirmation, to attend classes with Rev Chris.

# **Traffic Issues Outside School**



Over the last few weeks, I have had cause to raise issues surrounding parking on the zig-zags outside school. Unfortunately, some parents continue to take no notice of my pleas to avoid parking on the yellow zigzags given the dangers doing so poses to our children. As a result of a collision outside our school this week, I have written to the Local Authority for an increase in parking enforcement outside our school. With the encouragement of the governing body, I will be undertaking an education campaign to avoid parking on zig-zags and to turn engines off while waiting for children outside the school.

# **Teachers Industrial Action**

We were one of the few local schools to have stayed fully open during the industrial action this week. There are another 3 dates planned for industrial action and I will have to review the situation as we approach each individual date. Going forward, I will try and keep parents informed, as far as I am able, on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale Headteacher



**Dates for your** 

**February Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** 2pm 100% Attendance Tea Party

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Y5 Hockey (week 6/6)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Y2 Mini Rugby (week 6/6) LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5 & Y6 Ash Wednesday Service at St Nicholas Church

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Y1 Mini Rugby (week 1/6)

6pm Y6 SATs information evening for parents

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Y3 Handball (week 1/6)

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am Squirrel fun day at Marsh Academy

<u>March</u> Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Y1 Martial Arts

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> WORLD BOOK DAY Details to follow

Y1 Mini Rugby (week 2/6)

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Y3 Handball (week 2/6)

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Y2 Martial Arts



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### Attendance – Every Day Counts

Thank you to everyone who has been sending their children to school every day. We are aiming for 96% attendance. Our whole school attendance for this point in the year is: **93.0%**. This has been the highest our attendance rate has been for some weeks.



This term's collective worship focus is on our value: **PERSEVERANCE** Perseverance is the ability

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Perseverance is the ability to keep doing something even when it is really difficult. People who persevere are determined to do something no matter how hard it is or how long it

takes to reach the goal.

#### Attendance update

Over the last two weeks, I have met with a number of families concerning their childs attendance rate. The majority of meetings have been very positive, and I would like to thank all those who have taken part in these meetings.

Unfortunately, there have been some which haven't been so positive, where parents have not supported the school. The <u>Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance</u> from the DfE, has made it clear that while some pupils find it harder than others to attend school, it is the parents responsibility to ensure



their child attends school regularly, and that their child attends every day and on time, when school is open. This continues to be our expectation.

#### Awards



# Star of the Week Awards went to:

Squirrel: Lilly-Mai T, Badger: Ollie B, Rabbit: Lilly B, Chestnut: Freddie A, Beech: Charlie B, Willow: Ella I, Oak: Ethan E



#### Reader of the Week Awards went to:

Hedgehog: Billy B, Otter: Amelia C, Fox: Jacob W, Hare: Rupert R, Rowan: James H, Birch: Teddy J, Maple: Georgie B, Elm: George G



**This week's birthdays:** Bailey V, Rylee B, Matthew M, Alexa-Grace M, Jj C – many happy returns to you all!

# Nicholas Bear was awarded to Badger class! Congratulations to them for their great writing this week!

#### St Nicholas Community Cupboard – A message from our School's Worship Leaders

We need your help to help others in our school.

Because of worship that we (the worship leaders) led earlier this year, we have decided that we need to find ways to help families in our school with the cost of living crisis. We are aware that many families are struggling to always put food on their tables and want to help. We have decided that we will make our own community cupboard of basic food supplies to help families when they need it. This cupboard is not taking the place of the Food Bank but we hope it will be enough to tide people through a couple of days.

The idea is that on Monday's and Tuesday's, we will leave a trolley in the playground at drop off and collection times for people to donate spare tins of food or rice and pasta. Toiletries might also be useful too. Then we will collect in any donations and store them, so that if somebody needs a few tins for the weekend they can come into school on a Friday morning and collect them.

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As worship leaders, it is really important to us that we try and come up with ideas to support those in our community who are in need and offering to run and organise the community cupboard seems like an good way to show we how much we care for one another. We really hope that you are able to donate a tin or two.

Thank you

# St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Worship Leaders

**REMINDER - Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening.** 

We will be holding a Year 6 SATs information evening for parents at **6pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** in the main hall.

This will be your chance to find out some more information about the tests, and out how the tests will be administered. Past papers will be available for parents to understand what is expected of the children in the tests they have to sit.

Advanced Notice – please put these dates in your diary!

# **Open Classes and Parent Teacher Consultations**



Open classes will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15pm**. This will give parents an opportunity to review their child's work prior to the Parent Teacher Consultations, which are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

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