



# St Nicholas Church School

## School Newsletter

8th September 2023 Term 1 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

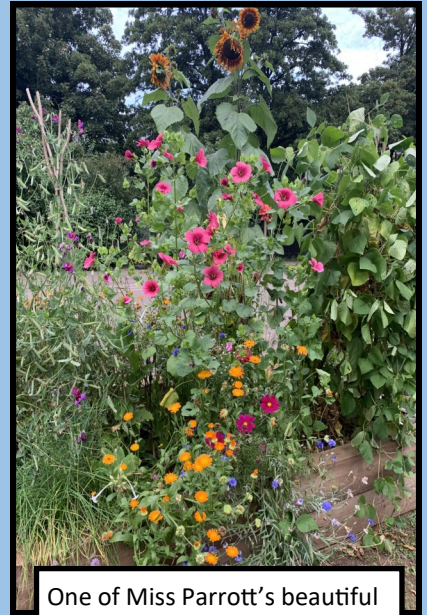
A very 'warm' welcome back to the new term at St Nicholas! I think we were all hoping for a little bit more sunshine after the unpredictable weather of the summer but maybe not the heavy heat that the children have worked through this week. They've all made a brilliant start to the term and we have been especially proud of the way the new reception class have settled in with such confidence. The teachers have been busy setting out their expectations for the year ahead. They will be in contact with you shortly with dates for welcome meetings and trips for the year. Whilst we remain conscious of the ever increasing prices of school visits, the staff will endeavour to offer your children the very best experiences at the lowest cost possible. The office are always happy to help set up payment plans for you to pay for trips in instalments when necessary.

You'll have noticed that we are only using one gate in the mornings to let the children into the front of school. This has been working well and it means the resource bases at the back of school are able to set up for the day before their children arrive. The bridge gate entrance is also open.

Thank you to those who have returned their data collection forms promptly. It is vital that we have the most up to date information on our systems, so that we can contact you when needed and ensure that you are receiving all communication from school. Please hand in any remaining forms to the office as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Low & Mrs Biss



One of Miss Parrott's beautiful school planters.

### Uniform

A reminder that we made a slight adjustment to the uniform policy last year. Children's polo shirts do not need to have a school logo. The rest of the uniform policy remains the same, so please remember:

No extreme hairstyles e.g. lines cut into hair

No nail varnish or jewellery (other than simple plain stud earrings)

We have noticed that some children have been wearing ever more elaborate smart watches to school. To ensure we can safeguard pupils and staff from harm – no watch should be able to connect to the internet, send messages, take photos or record sound. Teachers will ask children to remove the watch if it has any of these functions. Please stick to simple watches used for telling the time.

The school's uniform policy can be found on our website.



## Attendance

Attendance this week is 95.98%. This is a very low start to the year so let's see if we can raise this next week.

## Lateness

If your child is late for school, please bring them to the office, giving a reason for the lateness. Any child who arrives after 9:00am receives an unauthorised absence mark on the register. All absence should be reported to the office by 9:00am, by phone, leaving a message along with the exact reason. We are unable to authorise the absence if we do not have a message.

## Holidays

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, you will need to complete a holiday request form from the office and return it at least two weeks before your holiday. We are unable to authorise any holidays taken in term time and this may result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. They will be sent home every night for cleaning. Children are not allowed to bring squash into school. Thank You.



KS1 Summer Planters

## Diary Dates

### **Friday 15th September**

KS2 Praise assembly  
Yr R Teddy Bear Picnic

### **Monday 18th September**

Yr 4+5 Quad Kids @ St Benedicts

### **Tuesday 19th September**

Yr 4 Quad Kids @ St Nics

### **Friday 22nd September**

KS1 Praise assembly

### **Monday 25th September**

Yr 6 Heatree Residential

### **Friday 29th September**

KS2 Praise assembly

### **Tuesday 3rd October**

Yr 5 & 6 Cross Country

### **Friday 6th October**

KS1 Praise assembly

### **Tue 10th September**

Yr 6 Bikeability Starts

### **Tuesday 17th October**

Parents' Evening

### **Thursday 19th October**

Parents' Evening

## Menu Change

The menu will be swapped on Thursday and Friday next week. Thursday will be Fish & Chips.

# **2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES**

**Including INSET DAYS**

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
<b>TERM 5</b>	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
<b>TERM 6</b>	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	