



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

29th September 2023 Term 1

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

School has been a bit quieter this week without the wonderful Year 6s because they have been having amazing adventures in Heatree, in Devon. It was lovely to see them all return this afternoon with lots of smiles but we did notice they were all looking very tired! Hopefully, this will mean parents and carers have a peaceful weekend. We want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Sampson, Mrs Smith, Miss Beck and Mrs Bowell who have taken the children this week. Without them, the children would not be able to experience these amazing adventures and they now deserve a well earned rest. We would also like to say a special thank you to Miss Sampson who has organised the trip from start to finish which, as you can imagine, involves a great deal of planning.

In other news this week, we were all very excited to chess lessons return for Year 4. There is also a chess club at lunch time which is free to attend. Please encourage your children to try this amazing game if they are not already part of chess club. Year 4 have also enjoyed Quad Kid this week which saw them participating in a range of athletic activities.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and the sun continues to shine.

Mrs Biss and Mr Low

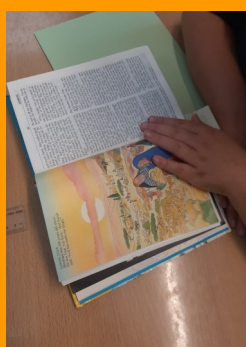


Welcome Back Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic time at Heatree this week and we hope you have enjoyed looking at all of the photos on Facebook. We can't wait to hear all about the adventures they had. We think there will be some quiet children this weekend who are going to sleep lots as they recover from their fun-filled week.

Our Values

Hope and Trust were the talk of the lesson for Y4 this week, we looked at stories in the Bible to find out how these values were shown. We talked about rules and how some rules apply at home as well as at school. The children then all looked at different types of the Bibles and talked about some of the parables that they recognised.
Super RE Mells Class.



Attendance

Cam	99.2%
Somer	98.6%
Dart	97.9%
Avon	98.7%
Mells	97.2%
Yeo	94.9%
Hartlake	100%
Midford	91.2%
Wellow	90%
Overall attendance is 97.3%	

Census Day Free School Meals

As you are aware all of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. What you won't be aware of is that the school is not paid for all of these meals unless your child has a meal on census day!

The school is paid for meals based on the average number of children having school meals on census day. This means that if 50 children have a meal on census days but 100 children have meals on the other days we only receive the money for 50 of the children taking the meals each day! This difference can cost our school up to £10,000 a year. Think how much equipment we can buy with that money!

The next census day is on **Thursday 5th Oct 2023**. On Thursday, we will be booking every child a meal who is entitled to one and will offer it to your child. If you are worried that your child will not eat the lunch please feel free to send a packed lunch as well. If they don't eat their lunch we will offer them the packed lunch – if eat the school lunch they can take their packed lunch home for dinner!

On Census day we swap the meal choice so:
Thursday: Fish and Chips or Vegetable Curry.
Friday: Beef or Vegetable Lasagne
All meals need to be booked via ParentPay.

Lunch Boxes

Please can parents and carers ensure that children are having healthy sandwich fillers at lunchtime.

Please no jam or chocolate spread.

Please can we ask that children do not have peanut butter as a filling as we have a child in school with a nut allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.

We will send out a more detailed letter next week

Crossing Patrol

Please can we remind parents not to park on the yellow zig-zags outside of school as this is dangerous for everyone entering and leaving the school site.

Please can we also remind everyone to use the crossing patrol as there have been a few near misses this week with people crossing on the bend at the bottom of the hill rather than using the crossing.

Morning Drop Off

It is so lovely to see so many parents in the morning before school and the children have been walking into school brilliantly. As we are now only using the one gate, we are encouraging parents of Y1 and upwards to drop their children after the bollards to avoid a bottle neck going into school. This also allows for a smoother transition for lots of children. YR parents are still welcome to go to the gate as usual. Members of SLT are always available to speak to should you have any questions and you can share messages with the class teacher through the communication book or at the end of the day.

KS2 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	Nik M	Charlie-Beau D	Bradley R	Harrison J
Mells	Archie H	Aaron	Poppy R	Zander H
Yeo	Quinn J	Reece W	Evie N	Isla C
Hartlake				
Midford				

Diary Dates

Friday 6th October

KS1 Praise Assembly

Tue 10th September

Yr 6 Bikeability Starts

Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

Spirit Of St Nicholas

Time To Talk

Cam	How can you tell that it is Autumn?
Somer	What animals did Class Two see at the zoo?
Dart	Can you name the oceans of the world?
Avon	What do you know about how shadows are formed?
Mells	How do Indigenous people use the Rainforest?
Yeo	Why might people migrate from one country to another?
Hartlake	What was your highlight of Heatree?

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Fionnuala K who has been awarded a distinction in ballet & a merit in jazz.



Well done Evie C who has been awarded a distinction in tap.

Congratulation to Bronwen K who has been awarded a distinction in ballet.

Well done Evie N who has been awarded Stage 6 in swimming.

Congratulations to Morgan C who has been awarded a certificate in basketball for showing incredible communication and leadership.

Peg Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded peg awards this week:

Red

Ivy B, Iona T, Caleb C, Luna L, Alex P, George L, William P, Piper H, Reggie K, Rocco M

Yellow

Iona T, Caleb C.

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A photograph of four young women in school uniforms walking across a green lawn. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. They are wearing dark blue blazers over dark blue sweaters with a light blue V-neck, and blue and white plaid skirts. The background is a blurred green lawn and trees.

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Senior School Open Morning

2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

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