

# St Nicholas C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery

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#### Our Value this half term is Compassion

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. It's been lovely chatting to you and your children and sharing stories of the Summer.

**Postcards.** Thank you to everyone who has sent in a postcard, it was a lovely welcome when I arrived. It looks like you all had a great summer.

**Book sale.** Thank you to everyone who helped with and who made donations at our book sale yesterday after school. The money raised will be put towards buying more books for the classrooms. We still have many books available. If you would like to make a donation for any, please speak to Mrs Wilson (Y1 teacher).

**The School Day.** Just a reminder of the school day timings:

Children can come onto the playground from 8.40 am. They enter class between 8.45am and 8.55am. Register is taken at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am.

The children in the Infants finish the day at 3.15pm and our Juniors 3.20 pm. Children who are not collected by 3.30pm will be looked after by the After School Club, however there may be a charge.

**Staff news**. We would like to congratulate Mrs Hare, and of course her husband, who have shared the news that she is expecting a bundle of joy in the new year!

We are a Nut Free school. Due to the increased severity and number of children with allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that products containing nuts do not come into school.

Birthdays. We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday.





We want to keep you as up to date and as informed as possible about how to keep you and your family safe online, so we are introducing a weekly SOS message. While online safety messages are often far from simple, we will do our best to keep the messages short and will provide links where appropriate for further details.

Did you know that at the bottom of our school's website home page you will find a button that takes you directly to the CEOP Report page? This is where you will find advice and support if you are worried about how someone is communicating online and where you can confidentially report online sexual abuse or inappropriate online communications that involve you or someone you know.

## Achievements

Thank you to everyone who brought in certificates and awards from the Summer to share with the school today and congratulations to you all on your many achievements!

# **Diary Dates**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Individual School Photos
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Service at church (for pupils only)
- Saturday 7th October PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October School Disco TBC
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Half Term
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November Occasional Day School Closed
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

   Last Day of Term –
  Early Finish 1.30pm No After School Club
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Back to School

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

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