



St. Nicholas School
Parent Bulletin
August 26th, 2016



Dear Parents:

Please take note of the important information herein. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find all of our Bulletins on our website under School News.

Kind regards,
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The 2016/17 academic year is about to commence. Teachers have INSET days on September 1st and 2nd, and classes resume for all pupils **Monday 5th September**. We hope that you've had a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

NEW STAFF:

We are delighted to welcome to the St Nicholas team Ms Siddiqui to compliment our teaching staff. Ms Siddiqui is a primary literacy specialist with UK QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and will be helping to deliver the English curriculum across the school. She will also teach ICT. The addition of Ms Siddiqui means that we can offer more single year group tuition (e.g. group reading).

UNIFORM:

A reminder that pupils must be in full uniform from the start of term. Pupils wear their summer uniform up until the October half term. As we've stated, obviously if it is cold in the morning pupils can wear their black joggers for PE over their shorts.

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY:

From September we will be rewarding pupils with the best attendance and punctuality records each half term. A reminder that the Governmental expectation is that pupils attend for a minimum of 90% of the school year. If your child cannot attend school (e.g. due to sickness or an interview) please notify Olive as soon as possible. We will, of course, continue to request 'evidence' for absence. Please refer to our Attendance & Punctuality policy available on our website or in school. We expect all pupils to arrive between 08:30 and 08:50. The register is taken at 08:55.

SAFE COLLECTION LIST:

Please remember to inform us if you intend for any additional person to collect your child at the end of the school day (or after a club or After School Care). We will need proof of ID of any new person the first time they collect your child.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC):

ASC is available from the first week back onwards, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 15:30 – 17:30. Parents collecting their child after 17:30 will be charged 5 pounds for each additional 15 minutes. The school closes at 6pm.

INFO MEETING / CURRICULUM:

Teachers are busy finalising their revised curriculum plans based upon the '2014 National Curriculum', and summaries will be available during the Parents' Information Evening on **Thursday 15th September**.

P.E., EXTRA-CURRICULAR & PERIPATETIC LESSONS:

- Year 3 – 6 will begin tennis in P.E. on **Tuesday 6th September**. Pupils can bring their own racket if they have one but we will provide one if they don't.
- Yr 3 – 5 swimming commences on **Thursday 8th September** at Vale Farm Sports Centre. Pupils need a black bathing suit, towel, and swim cap in their House colour. Swim bags are available for purchase from Olive.
- Please check your report pack (issued during Prize Giving) for instrument and peripatetic teacher information slips. These are due back asap the first week back.
- Mrs Kerley's instrument lessons begin **Monday 5th September**.
- Mrs Dearnley's Speech & Drama lessons begin **Thursday 15th September**.
- We will confirm Mr Stavlas' piano lessons commencement date asap.
- After-school Clubs - we are in discussion with an external provider to enhance provision this year. More details will follow next week. Clubs will begin the second week back to school.

SNACKS & LUNCHES / HEALTHY EATING:

A reminder that we are nut free school, and that all pupils should be sent to school with healthy options. We do not permit fizzy soda drinks, crisps, chocolate or other sweets.

HOUSE COMPETITION:

Our House Competition, set at the end of the summer term, is entitled “What it means to be British?” and is due **Wednesday 7th September** in any medium. Details were included in your child’s report pack.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR / DATES:

An academic calendar will be sent to all parents next week showing important dates. Please note that some dates may be changed and extra dates / events will likely also be added. We will notify you as soon as possible about any changes. Initial important dates for your diary are shown below.

☆ **IMPORTANT DATES – CUT OUT AND KEEP** ☆

- 5th September: Autumn term commences
 - : Mrs Kerley’s music / instrument lessons commence
 - : After School Care commences
- 6th September: Yr 3-6 tennis classes (PE lessons) commence
- 7th September: Deadline for House Competition entries
- 8th September: Yr 3-5 swimming lessons commence
- 12th September (week commencing): After school clubs commence
 - : Eid ul Adha assembly
- 15th September: Mrs Dearnley’s Speech & Drama lessons commence
 - : Parents’ Information Evening (15:45)
- 23rd September: Macmillan Coffee morning
 - : Jeans for Genes day
- 3rd October (week commencing): Black History month
 - : Harvest Festival assembly
- 24th – 28th October: Half term