

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 19th April
2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the easter break. I hope you all managed to have a restful time with your family and a wonderful Eid for those who were celebrating. We have a busy but fun term ahead of us and I am very much looking forward to all the events that we have planned.

Marathon Fundraising: One of our year 5 teachers, Catherine Holloway, will be running the London Marathon next month. She will be running for the National Autistic Society and has set up a Justgiving Page. If you would be able to donate some money to this wonderful charity, please scan the QR link that will take you to Catherine's Just Giving Page.



Schools Mini Marathon: Exciting news! We are taking part in the Mini London marathon at school which is taking place between April 27th – May 10th. The children will be doing daily walks, jogs or runs that will add up to 2.6 miles over the course of a week. This is in conjunction with the WWF who are encouraging everyone to take part in a Wild Mile where they are encouraging everyone to engage with nature and take some positive actions for our planet. WWF are a leading global environmental charity and their aim is to bring our work back to life. Further information about how the fundraising will work will go out in next week's newsletter.

Chicks: Next week we will be taking charge of chick eggs and incubators for 2 weeks. During this time we will observe the eggs in their warm incubators, the chicks hatching and growing and have the opportunity to gently handle them. We are using The Happy Chick Company who promise to re-home every chick that hatches including the males, (School staff and parents are able to adopt from these batches too). We look forward to sharing some pictures over the next couple of newsletters.

Earth Day: Monday the 22nd April we will be celebrating Earth Day. Earth Day was started to encourage people around the world to think and learn about what we can do to look after our planet. In school we will be exploring our amazing planet and looking at ways we can look after it.

Important Dates

Monday 22nd April: Coffee Morning – Play and Interaction
Monday 22nd April: Earth Day
Tuesday 23rd April: Jumpstart Johnny
Monday 6th May: Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May: Coffee Morning – Emotional Regulation
Thursday 23rd May: Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May – Half Term
Monday 3rd June: Coffee Morning – Receptive Language
Wednesday 12th June: Coffee Morning How we teach your child to read (Little Wandle Phonics)
Thursday 20th June: Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat
Monday 24th June: School Closed – Staff INSET
Tuesday 25th June – Ks1 Sports day – more details to follow
Wednesday 26th June: M&M Productions
Thursday 27th June: Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 28th June: Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Monday 1st July – Art Week
Thursday 4th July – Coffee Morning
Monday 8th July: Year 6 residential
Tuesday 9th July: Coffee Morning – Chill and Chat
w/c Monday 15th July: School Picnic (more details to follow)
Monday 15th July: Olympics Week
Friday 19th July: St Nicks Got Talent
Wednesday 24th July: year 6 leavers assembly (more details to follow)
Wednesday 24th July: Last day of term – break up at 1:30

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Communication between school and parents: The school is continuing to work on improving its communication with parents and I wanted to make you aware of some of the work that is going on. We have a trial group of parents on Evidence for Learning – this will continue for the next couple of weeks. This is where teachers can share work that your child has done during the week and you can also share things they have done at home. We will be rolling this out to all parents over the next couple of weeks.

We are also going to be introducing Behaviour Watch which will inform parents of any behaviour incidents or administering of First Aid during the day.

Jumpstart Jonny: The countdown is on – only 4 more days to go until Jonny is visiting St. Nicks! The children have been practising their routines – if you would like to do these at home too please follow this link <https://tour.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/tour-videos-2023-24/>. If your child would like to wear orange on Tuesday to match Jonny they are very welcome too! We are all very excited and look forward to sharing photos with you next week!



RSE Meeting: Please remember that there is an online meeting for parents in years 5 and 6 on Monday 22nd April about the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons that your child will be having this term. These are very important lessons and we hope that parents attend so that you feel comfortable talking about this with your children at home.

Leave of Absence Requests: If you are taking your child out of school during term time, you must complete a Leave of Absence request. These must be completed before you are taking your child out of school. I will look at each request on a case by case basis and decide whether to authorise or unauthorise the absence. The school office can send these via Weduc or your child's class teacher can send a paper copy home.

Governors: The Governing Board of St Nicholas are looking for more Governors. If you have any friends, family or colleagues who would be interested in taking up the role, please can they email the school office so that it can be forwarded onto me.

LPPA update: Please follow this link for a short video about the LPPA
<https://vimeo.com/936574641/d2e0dc99e7>

In order to evaluate our current provision linked to the LPPA, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. Please follow the link below to complete the survey.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/661e74971f8e5>

It should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements. If you have any queries about this survey, please contact Sarah Holliday Thank you!

Evaluation submissions are valid between: 16/04/2024 - 03/05/2024. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates

We would also like to introduce the members of the working party to you.

LPPA WORKING PARTY

Sarah Holliday
Deputy Headteacher
LPPA coordinator



Juliet Bellagambi
Family Liaison
Officer



Oliwia Roszak
Receptionist



Abbie McQueeney
KS1 teacher



Juliet Hamilton



Melodie Blake
KS2 teacher



Zara Rafique
Speech and
Language Therapist



Joanna Cole
Parent



Lataanya Curling
Parent
Friends of St. Nicks



Kathryn Eyre
Governor

Malcolm Goddard
Award Advisor

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Goodwin

Head Teacher

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ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Term Dates: 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Training day: Monday 2nd September

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Open to pupils: Wednesday 4th September

Last day for pupils: Friday 18th October

Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October

Open to pupils: Monday 28th October

Training day: Friday 29th November

Last day for pupils: Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 8th January

Last day for pupils: Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Open to pupils: Monday 24th February

Last day for pupils: Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Open to pupils: Monday 22nd April

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May

Last day for pupils: Friday 23rd May

Half term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Training day: Monday 2nd June

Open to pupils: Tuesday 3rd June

Training day: Monday 30th June

Last day for pupils: Tuesday 22nd July