St Nicholas School Newsletter

16 December 2016

HEAD TEACHER'S NEWS

ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

We are very pleased to have been awarded the Achievement for All Quality Mark.

This is a national accolade for quality which has been awarded to the School for its work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of its pupils who are vulnerable to underachievement.

The Quality Mark Award recognises the impressive work being done by the school to improve progress in communication, reading, writing and maths for all pupils

At the end of this term we say farewell to Hayley McMahon and Jo Hooson. Hayley is moving to a new school and Jo is leaving teaching to pursue a career in Hypnotherapy. We would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the pupils at the school, especially in Cherry class and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

We are pleased to welcome Helen Davis as the new full-time teacher of Cherry class from January 2017.

PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS

(9.30 to 11.00 am)
Wednesday 22nd March 2017
Wednesday 10th May 2017
Wednesday 28th June 2017

Following requests from Parents we have set up a number of sessions next term to provide additional information and support. These are as follows:

Zara Pond – talking about "Using Makaton at home" on 10th, 19th, 30th January 2017 at 10am

Tania Bromham and Emily Graham – OT and Physio support in school – 18th January 2017 at 10am

Nora Ryan (SEND Service Manager) Preparing for Adulthood – Transition from the age of 14 onwards – Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 10am

Alison Burge (Child's Specialist Service manager) – Virgin Care update – Monday 6th February 2017 at 10am

REPORTING ABSENCES

Thank you for your recent and continued co-operation in preventing illness from spreading within the school. In order for us to be aware if there is any increase in rates of infectious diseases occurring within the school please can you ensure that you give a reason for your child's absence from school.

We wish you all the best for the festive season and every happiness in the New Year.

Ros Way, Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TD DAYS 2016-2017

(Please remember school is shut to all pupils)

Wednesday 15th March 2017
Monday 5th June 2017

COFFEE SHOP DATES

10.15 – 11.15am

Tuesday 24th January 2017
Tuesday 21st March 2017
Tuesday 16th May 2017
Tuesday 20th June 2017

Please ring school on the day to check Coffee Shop is still going ahead.

POPLAR COLLEGE COFFEE SHOP DATES

All 10.15 to 11.15 am
Tuesday 7th February 2017
Tuesday 4th April 2017
Tuesday 23rd May 2017

DOCTORS CLINICS

Monday 30th January 2017
Monday 27th February 2017
Monday 27th March 2017

TOILETING CLINIC

Friday 20th January 2017 (College)
Friday 27th January 2017
Friday 24th February 2017
Friday 17th March 2017

WHEELCHAIR CLINIC

Friday 13th January 2017
Friday 3rd March 2017
Friday 5th May 2017
Friday 7th July 2017

BEECH CLASS

Beech class visited Whitehall Garden Centre.

We looked at the Christmas trees, the reindeer, sheep and donkeys. We had lunch and then looked at all the indoor displays and lights.

It was a great day!
Allison, Beech Class

McDONALD'S LUNCH TRIP

On Wednesday 7th December we had a trip to have lunch at McDonalds as an end of term treat! It was enjoyed by everyone!

BICYCLE HELMETS

Please could we request for any unwanted cycle helmets to be donated to the school - for pupils to use when riding bikes and go-karts at playtime.

Sue Flavin, Deputy Head

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your contributions. We raised £138.27.

Kathleen Gaffney, School Council

TOILETING PROGRAMME

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to praise **everyone**, parents, carers and staff, for the huge achievements our children have attained regarding toileting, during the last 4 years that the toileting clinic has been up and running. We have managed to get 36% of the pupil's on the toileting programmes continent and wearing pants!

We have now started toileting programmes from when the

children first enter our school at 4 years old, so hopefully they will become dry earlier.

At present we have a group of primary aged children, on a toileting programme, who are dry 60-80% of the time - which I think is fantastic news!

Thank you for all your hard work

Sue Barnes, School Nurse

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to everyone who helped at and supported our annual Christmas Fayre. We raised £684.

Elizabeth Frobisher, Bursar

SAINSBURYS

We had a fantastic weekend with bag packing and carol singing at Sainsbury's and raised a total of £979.82.

Rory Sherwood, Parent

OAK CLASS – NOTTON HOUSE

On Wednesday 7th December, pupils from Oak class visited Notton House School for their annual Christmas party. The staff and pupils from Notton House were once again very kind and welcoming. They organised a variety of party games, including pass the parcel and musical chairs, which were great fun. We all sat down for a snack together before having a surprise visit from Father Christmas.

Oak class would like to say a big thank you to Notton House for once again organising such a fantastic event.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

It was wonderful to see the whole school taking part in our Christmas service at St Paul's Church on Tuesday.

Pupils in Pine and Cedar classes narrated the Christmas story as younger pupils acted out the story of the nativity, in their beautiful costumes.

The pupils in KS2 sang @Behold that Star', and pupils in Apple, Pine and Cedar sang and played musical instruments to 'The 12 days of Christmas'.

Thank you to everyone at St Paul's Church for making us feel so welcome. It was a very special morning.

CEDAR OUTING AT PITSTOP

Cedar Class outing to Chippenham Pit Stop

On Thursday, Cedar class went for dinner at Chippenham Pit Stop. We enjoyed our food very much. The people who work there are very kind and they cook great food! We are looking forward to going there again!

DRAYCOT STORES

Thank you to Draycot Stores for fundraising for St Nicholas School – cheque for £102.76 presented to school.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

If you would like any articles to appear in our next newsletter, please email them for the attention of **Suzanne Taylor**

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We would like to point out that any article appearing in our newsletter in no way endorses any of the items, equipment, services or information featured.

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL
Valuing Each Voice
SCHOOL MUSICAL
ON STAGE!
St Nicholas School Spring Show 2016—now on DVD
Copies now available £3.00—please order from the school office