

St Nicholas CE Primary School

# Newsletter October 2023

Exploring Possibilities Together  
'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19 v26

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Autumn Term

20 October—Inset Training Day—Children not in School  
23 October—27 October—Half Term Week  
30 October—PTFA AGM 7.30 pm The White Hart, Sturminster Newton  
31 October—Y5/6 Orienteering at Child Okeford  
7 November—Y5/6 Orienteering at William Barnes  
8 November—Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at The Blandford School  
9 November—11.00 am to 12.00 noon Open Morning for prospective new parents September 24  
14 November—Interhouse TAG Rugby Acers & Oaks  
14 November—Y5/6 Orienteering at Stalbridge Primary  
17 November—Children in Need Day—further details to follow  
21 November—Y5/6 Orienteering at Shillingstone  
23 November—Oaks Class trip to Bovington Tank Museum  
28 November—Y5/6 Orienteering at Sturminster Newton High School  
29 November to 1 December—Y5 Leeson House Visit  
13 December—Local Food Links Christmas Lunch  
15 December—End of Term  
2 January 24—Inset Training Day—Children not in School  
3 January—First day back Spring Term 24

## Open Morning

Next Month on Thursday, 9 November we are holding an Opening Morning at the school between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon for prospective parents of those children who will be starting school in September 2024.

Please let the office know if you would like to attend to give us an idea of numbers.

## Headteacher's Message

As this half term draws to a close and we reflect on it, it has indeed been a busy one. The children have made a great start to school, and I must say that you would think that Acorns have been here for longer than they have. Please remember each class has a page on the school website that contains information about their specific routines during the week.

Lots of classes have either been out on trips, whether it's local or further afield, or had visitors come in to talk to them, all helping to enrich the children's learning. We have included a selection of photos on the newsletter for you to see but you can see more on our Instagram page. And we must say a big thank you to the PTFA who have continued to help subsidise the school trips where they can, as we are aware that the costs to go out are rising steeply.

Unfortunately, Mrs Ferguson continues to be absent for the foreseeable future and we wish her and her family our best wishes at this time. Mrs Emerson will continue to be in Acers class working together with Mrs Salisbury and Miss Faber.

Sadly, the weather seems to have turned very Autumnal in the last week so I do hope that it stays relatively dry during half term so you and your families can make the most of getting out and about.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

## After School Clubs—After Half Term Update

\*\*\* Clubs will recommence week commencing 30 October 2023 \*\*\*

Just a reminder that Rugby After School Club will be replaced with Gym After School after half term.

The other clubs will continue, please ensure that you have booked your child in as the transfer from this half term to next is not automatic and places in some clubs are limited.

Texts will be sent out today to inform parents if their child has a place at a club. Also if you have booked your child a place in football or multi sports and you haven't made your payment please ensure payment is made before the club commences. Thank you.



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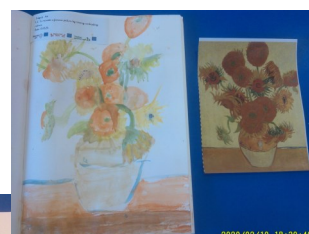
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## Acorns & Oaks Village Walk

Acorns and Oaks class went on a village walk last week. Huge thanks to our grown ups who stepped in at the last minute to help ensure that this could go ahead – we really appreciate it! Acorns absolutely loved walking around the village and looking at the different buildings. We walked up to the church, looked at the war memorial, past the pub and village shop before detouring to look at the old school and post office buildings too. Acorns were sensible and safe using the road and always stayed with their buddies from Oaks. We were very impressed with their impeccable behaviour!



## Harvest Donations

Once again a huge thank you very much for all the donations that we have received for our Harvest Festival.

All of your donations have now been collected by the Blandford Foodbank, who were extremely grateful for everything that the children brought in. It is currently one of their busiest times and the donations will be used well and greatly received.



## Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Ms Jill Watson (Headteacher). Mrs Belinda Bolar and Mrs Sarah Salisbury are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY—BECOME A GOVERNOR!

We are looking for new governors to join our governing body. Governors support and challenge our school's leaders, to make sure St Nicholas Primary seeks to provide an all-inclusive environment where all children achieve their potential by 'exploring possibilities together'.

Governors come from all walks of life. There's no need to have a professional background in education, just a desire to give back to your community.

Governors are volunteers; they meet 4 times a year and also spend time in school to see how things are run.

Please ask at the school office for more information.



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