



**St Nicholas CE VA Primary School Newsletter  
January 2020**

**Vision Statement**

**At St Nicholas we nurture everyone to 'be the best we can be' in a caring and inclusive Christian Environment**

**Diary Dates**

- 3 February** —Acers Swimming Lessons
- 6 February** —Year 3/4 Dodgeball Tournament, Sturminster Newton Leisure Centre
- 7 February** — PTFA Movie Night—All ages
- 10 February** —Acers Swimming Lessons
- 11 February**—Reception—Height and Weight check by School Nurse
- 17—21 February inc.**—Half Term
- 24 February**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 26 February**—Ash Wednesday Service in School
- 27 February**—KS2 Choir Day at Clayesmore School
- 27 February**—Year 2 Football Tournament
- 2 March**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 5 March**—Full Governing Body Meeting
- 9 March**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 16 March**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 17 March**—Parent Consultations for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- 17 March**—Ash Class Trip (TBC)
- 23 March**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 24 March**—Parent Consultations for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- 26 March**—Family Support Day
- 30 March**—Acers Swimming Lessons
- 2 April**—Full Governing Body Meeting
- 3 April**—End of Term Easter Service in the Church at 9.00 am.
- 3 April**—Last day of Term
- 20 April**—Inset Training Day—Children not in school
- 21 April**—Children Back to School
- 22 April**—Welcome back to the summer term church service in the church at 9.00 am

**Headteacher's Message**

Welcome back and best wishes for 2020.

Its been a busy and wet start for the Spring term, but it's nice to see slightly lighter evenings and brighter mornings.

The children in Acers are busy completing a 11 week course of swimming lessons at Bryanston School every Monday morning.

Bryanston School have kindly allowed use of the swimming pool and a minibus free of charge for our children to use for these lessons.

Evie, Indie, Monica & Nicholas from Year 4 and Emma, James, Lauren & Sam from Year 6 took part in a Maths Challenge also at Bryanston School recently and represented our school admirably—well done to those children.

Our choir are busy rehearsing for the KS2 Choir Day at Clayesmore School at the end of February which is always a memorable concert.

**Child Protection**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in School is Ms Jill Waton (Headteacher). Mrs Sarah Salisbury, SENDCO and Oaks teacher is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.

**UNIFORM**

At St Nicholas we pride ourselves on the smart appearance of all our children. We believe that the correct uniform and equipment sets the tone for a good learning environment.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled. If your child does misplace any uniform please check the lost property box in the hall.

## Health & Safety

### Drop Off and Pick Up



The Ark and School continue to monitor the parking and would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our community safe.

We ask that you park outside the school gates and walk the children in. If you do drive please keep your speed down to 5mph and be very vigilant of pedestrians.

Please **DO NOT** park in the disabled spaces between 8.30 am to 9.15 am and 3.00 pm and 3.50 pm unless you have a current disabled parking permit. Parents should **NOT** park in front of The Ark's green gates at any time or the staff spaces. This causes congestion, increases the risk to our children and blocks access in the event of an emergency.

## Severe Weather

We do everything we can to avoid closing the school in the event of severe weather. However, we are mindful of the safety of our pupils and staff and should it be necessary to close the school, the procedure is as follows:-

Dorset Council will notify local radio stations and publish a list of closures on their website. Parents should listen to the local radio or log on to:

<https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/closedservices> where you will find a definitive list of school which have been closed.

In the unlikely event that the school has to close during the school day, parents will be informed via the school's text messaging service.

## Class Cups Hall of Fame



### **Congratulations to...**

**Isaac, Jonny, Toby, Thomas, David & Julia**

**Cody, Emilia, James, Thomas, Phoebe & Logan B**

**Dylan, Alfie, Quinn, Albie, Harry & Tiffany**

**Ravenna, Ava, Odin, Max, Courtney & Freddie**



## Attendance—Holidays in Term Time

School attendance is vital and the school's attendance figures are closely monitored by the Local Authority and Ofsted. The governing body has decided that in accordance with the Dorset Council Penalty Notice Protocol, children who are taken out of school for a period of 10 sessions (5 days) or more will be referred to the Attendance Team in Children's Services. The attendance team will then decide on the course of action to take and contact parents regarding their decision. This decision may be a warning letter, guidance or a penalty notice (fine). Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities. Please help us reach our attendance target by not taking holidays in term time.



Our amazing PTFA is always looking for helpers and new members. If you can spare some time ask at the office.