

12th May 2017

Friday 12th May

AM - Infant Sponsored Bounce
PM - Year 6 End of SATs party

Tuesday 23rd May

Church Service Values whole school & parents times tbc

Wednesday 24th May

Year 3 educational trip to Birmingham Museum

Wednesday 24th May

Reception Sept 2017 new parents meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 25th May

Year 6 PGL Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 26th May

Teacher Training Day - school closed

29th May - 2nd June

Half Term Holiday

Monday 5th June

Year 6 & Reception Group Photographs

6th & 7th June

Induction Days for new Reception children

Wednesday 7th June

Year 5 Parent's Meeting 6.30pm

12th - 16th June

Year 6 to PGL

13th & 14th June

Induction Days for new Reception children

Thursday 15th June

Year 2 Meeting - moving to Juniors 3.30pm

Wednesday 21st June

Reception Meeting moving to Key Stage 1 - 2.30pm

Tuesday 27th June

Moving up Day/Main Induction for Reception/Year 6 Induction Day at Secondary Schools

28th & 29th June

PHSE - Puberty talks for Year 5 & 6

Friday 30th June

Year 2 Fun Friday 5-8pm

Next Newsletter
Thursday 25th May

STAFFING NEWS

We say goodbye and a huge thank you to Celia Holdstock today. She is retiring after 19 years. Celia has worn many hats and had many roles during her time at St Nicholas and will be hugely missed by the whole school community. We wish her a very happy retirement and look forward to receiving postcards from her many trips away from home. First stop.....Devon... Next stop.....Italy. It's like Dora the Explorer all over again! We would also like to welcome Louise Green who will be our new Business Manager. She has spent the last three weeks in school with Mrs Holdstock and getting to know us.

Church Visit



Year 1 have been on a visit to St Nicholas church and really enjoyed the experience. "We looked at all of the things that Christians do in a place of worship" Amelia and Verity .

Infant Sponsored Bounce

This has been postponed until next Fri 19th May, due to the weather conditions.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to the Year 6 children who have completed the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests this week. The tests were made up of a Reading Test, a Grammar Test, a Spelling test a written arithmetic test followed by two further maths papers. The children made us very proud with their 'Can do' attitude and amount of effort they put in. They smiled, laughed

and thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast, yoga and snacks!
Their 'After SATs Party' was a great success.



KS2 Forest School

On Wednesday 10th May, our second Forest School Camp was officially opened. We would like to say a huge thank you to 'The Friends of St Nicholas' for their fundraising, support and donations that has made this possible.

A thank you, also to Becca Satchwell who designed this area. Becca built this with the assistance of her husband.

The children love the opportunity that this has afforded them and there have been many positive comments on our school Facebook page. We are always looking for volunteers to support with Forest School, in the afternoons. If you have any availability and enjoy getting outside, please let the office know. Also if anybody has any spare wellies or a shed that they are willing to donate we would be very grateful.

Non Uniform Day

Thursday 25th May.

The Children can come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a donation of £1. This is to help raise funds for the school's involvement in singing with and supporting the African Children's Choir who are currently touring the UK.

The theme is **BE BOLD**; so bright, bold and colourful clothes can be worn. Just a reminder: no football tops or hair gel please. Year 3 & 4 will still need their Sport

PPA kits for the afternoon. **Multi Sports Holiday Club**
Dave Geden will be running a club in half term . This will take place on 31st May and 1st and 2nd June from 10am to 3pm. Please see the office for more details

Wednesday 24th May

The Year 3 children are on an educational trip to Birmingham Museum to look at the Egyptian artefacts. A reminder that children in Year 3 need to be in their classroom for 8.45am as the coach will be leaving at 9am prompt. They will return by the end of the school day in time for 3.15pm pick up.

Wednesday 24th May

New to Reception In September 2017 - There is a meeting for Parents whose children are joining us in Reception in September on Weds 24th May at 7.30pm. At the meeting information will be shared regarding induction sessions and the arrangements for September.

Reminder After School

Dance Club - due to the Year 6 PGL trip meeting there will be no Dance after school on 25th May.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday 26th May as school is closed for a Teacher Training Day.

Birthdays that fall between 13th May to 26th May will be celebrated on Friday 19th May.

Birthdays that fall between 27th May to 9th June will be celebrated on Friday 9th June.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

School Funding

You may have seen in recent months, a lot of media coverage regarding school budgets. Nationally, 98% of schools are expected to receive less funding with the introduction of the 'Fairer Funding Formula' in 2018. The government have yet to confirm whether this funding will be introduced, however, costs to schools have risen in recent years (introduction of the living wage, increase in National Insurance and pension contributions, loss of the Education Service Grant of £30 per pupil) and with the new formula, total losses to our school could exceed £180,000 per year. This information is in the public domain and can be found on the School Cuts website: www.schoolcuts.org.uk. Information on how to voice any concerns you may have can also be found on this website. Mrs O'Shea, the Governors and I would like to reassure parents that we are working hard to ensure that any cuts to our budget will not, as far as possible, affect your child's educational experience. However, such cuts to our budget are likely to lead to significant decisions on staffing or current provision in the years to come. **Adam Walsh, Executive Headteacher**

Alcester tennis Club

The tennis club are running tennis camps as follows:

Half Term

Tuesday 30 May - Friday 2 June

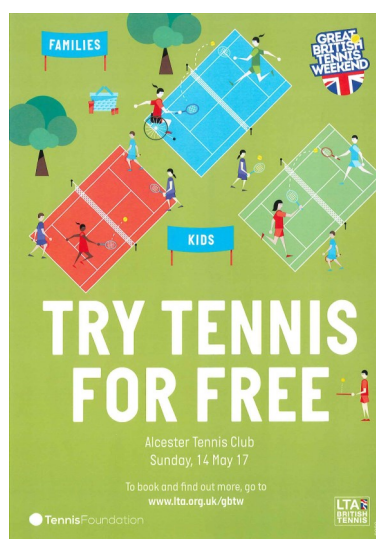
Summer

Mon 24 – Fri 28 July

Mon 31 July – Fri 4 August

Mon 7 – Fri 11 Aug

Mon 14 - Fri 18 August



Sporting Events

On 2nd May our Football Team participated in a Football League match and won 6-0.

On 4th May two teams played in an ABS Area Football Tournament. They played well but unfortunately didn't get through to the finals.

On 6th May our swimmers represented St Nicholas in a Swimming Gala. They swam exceptionally well - we are awaiting the results. We had some wonderful comments on how well behaved and polite our children were - well done!

Fidget Spinners

Lots of our children are bringing fidget spinners in to school. Although we understand the children's fascination with them, they are causing arguments and disruption to learning. Please support us in ensuring that your children are not bringing these to school.

Our Year 6 children are able to use the lighter plastic ones in the Year 6 privilege area only. They should not be brought in to the classroom environment.

Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL - On Thursday 25th May there will be a Year 6 PGL Meeting at 3.30pm in the hall. Information will be given out regarding the trip including a kit list - what to pack, what activities the children will be taking part in and medical forms which will need to be returned to school by Monday 5th June.

Threadworms and Headlice

Recently we have had a few cases of both of these. It would be advisable to check your children and get these treated. More information can be found on:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pages/hub.aspx> **Summer is coming**

Baby & Child First Aid Course

We had been offered the opportunity to host a baby and child first aid course for parents. Unfortunately we did not receive enough interest so we are unable to run this. Thank you to all those parents who expressed an interest. We will ask again in September.

African Drumming After School Club

For those children who were disappointed about African Drumming After School Club not continuing, In2Cultures have a class every Saturday from 11-12 noon at Bridgetown Primary School (venue will be changing in September). If anyone is interested, they can call on 01789 299594. Many thanks.