

22 September 2017

Weds 27th September
Bell-Boating 6H

Thurs 28th September
Reception Parent Information Evening
7pm

Mon 2nd October
Year 6 Pupil Workshops - Resilience
and Growth Mindsets

Tue 3rd October
Year 5 Peer Mediation

Thurs 5th October
Harvest Service at church

Friday 6th October
Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 Road
Safety

Tues 10th October
Meet the Caveman Experience Year 3

9th Oct-10th Nov
Taking Care Project

18th & 19th October
Parents Evening 4-7pm

Friday 20th October School closed,
Teacher Training Day

23rd – 27th October
Half Term Holiday

Thurs 2nd November
One Day Creative E-Safety perform-
ance

Tues 7th November
Open Evening 6-7.30pm

Weds 8th November
Year 6 Health Questionnaires

13th Nov-17th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week – All different- all
equal

Mon 20th November
Flu Jabs Reception to Year 4

Next Newsletter
6th October

Staffing News

Congratulations to Karen Woodcock and her husband who are expecting their first baby in January.



Our Values

Promoting Christian values is very important to us at St Nicholas C of E Primary School. Each term we focus on a particular value and how this value helps us to think about how we live our lives. For this first half term our value is Trust.

The work that the children have completed at home about this value has really impressed their teachers. Thank you for your support at home, especially with the boat making.

Year 5 trip to Cadbury World



On Wednesday 13th September, Year 5 went to Cadbury World as part of our learning about the Mayans.

By Katie Stephens:

At 9am we all piled onto the coach. We played some games and chatted. When we arrived, we got off the coach into our groups. Then, we walked into the main building. First we had an educational talk. We listened to what Colin, our teacher, had to say about the Mayans. There were some masks that were thrown out for us to try on - they looked really strange. We were also able to smell some roasted cocoa beans! After, we went through the Mayan Rainforest. We had a question sheet to help us find lots of fascinating information about the Mayans - did you know the Mayans used cocoa beans as currency? Two cocoa beans would buy you a pumpkin (100 would buy you a slave!)! After lunch, we all experienced the 4D cinema. It was really fun. It was like you were on a rollercoaster. Next, we went on the Cadabra ride. There were lots of cocoa beans in different places - including skiing! Finally, it was time for some chocolate tasting. I had Crunchie and marshmallows over my melted chocolate. It

was delicious. Soon, it was time to get on the coach home. This amazing school trip was over but I know I will never, ever forget it.



Bell-Boating 6G

The children of 6G had a great day on the River Avon. All the children, and staff, were able to explore the river in one of the bell boats. They worked together as a team all pulling in the same direction! 6H will be going next week.

From Alice :

Yesterday was amazing! I loved going bell-boating. There were 3 boats; the yellow boat, Mr Harwood's boat, the white boat led by Andy who is an Olympic champion and the red boat was led by Mrs Godson. The red boat was getting really up close and personal to nature! I have also learned lots of things like how a lock is opened, safety, how to do and undo a life jacket and much more. I really liked bell-boating, it's a shame we can't do it more often.

Year 6 Pupil Workshops—The year 6 children took part in Resilience & Growth Mindset workshops on Monday 18th. They were amazing at collaborating and problem solving. All the staff also completed this workshop after school. Along with great learning, there was also a lot of competitiveness and laughter. Both the children and the teaching staff will have a second session on 2nd October.

After School Pick up

Should there be changes to the normal arrangements for picking up your child from school, please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. This is to ensure we can keep your children safe and hand them to the

correct person.

Reception Parents

There is a meeting on Thursday 28th September at 7p.m. for parents of Reception children detailing how we teach your child in their first year of primary school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Safe Guarding our children

We have been informed by St Benedicts that some of their children have been approached by a man on their way to and from school. For those older children who walk to and from school on their own please talk to your children about personal safety and how important it is to not give any personal information out to strangers. We will reinforce this message in our assemblies.

ArtBase After School Club

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the start date of this club due to lack of numbers. We are now proposing to run this club after half term for 6 weeks from 1st Nov to 6th December at a cost of £30.00. If you are interested please let the office know.

Harvest Festival Service

5th October

It is the time of year that we celebrate Harvest and give thanks for what we have, remembering people who have less than us. To celebrate Harvest this year, Year 3 and 4 have chosen to hold a church service for their parents and the children of the school. A letter will be sent home next week confirming the date and time of the service and inviting parents of Year 3 and 4 children. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and non-perishable foods can be bought into school next week. These will be distributed between Jubilee Court and Arden Foodbank during the afternoon of Friday 6th October by Year 4 pupils and their teachers.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School



MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY

During the summer term, the children were asked which charities they would like to support during the next school year. After a formal School Council meeting and much deliberation in classrooms, they decided on three top choices, which were: Cancer Support, The World Wildlife Fund and Children in Need.

As The Macmillan Coffee Morning is coming up on Friday 29th September, we thought that it was a fantastic opportunity to start our charity support and eat cake!

With Great British Bake Off on television at the moment, it has certainly put me in the mood for baking some showstoppers to sell. I am hoping many of you feel the urge too.

We would therefore greatly appreciate a donation of cakes, home baked or shop bought to support our day. Please deliver these to your child/ children's classroom on Thursday 28th September in a named box or plate.

During the following day, all children will be able to go and get a cake of their choice and drink of squash for a donation of £1.

All the money raised will then go to the Macmillan charity. Thank you children for your great ideas and thank you families for your support. We are all looking forward to eating cake and supporting others less fortunate than ourselves.



Drum taster session

On Tuesday 26th September Mr Possart will be holding a taster session between 1.30-1.50pm. Any pupils who are interested in having drum lessons in school should go to the music room. The cost of music lessons for a term is £55.00.

Peer Mediation training is due to take place on 3rd October for all children in Year 5. This scheme enables children to take ownership of their behaviour and attitude towards others without requiring adult intervention. If they choose this role they will implement the strategies, learned during the training, whilst out on the playground in order to resolve any conflict between children. All of the children who wish to become St Nicholas Peer Mediators will receive their badges in Celebration Assemblies on Friday 13th October and 3rd November.

Choir Ragley by Candlelight please note the date has changed to Saturday 9th Dec. Once we have full details of the event we will send a letter home with the choir.

Dataforms /Permission Slips

Many thanks to all those families who have completed and returned the new dataforms and permission slips this week. It is important that these are returned to the office as soon as possible.

Reporting illness

Please can parents report illness by contacting the school office on the morning of the first day of absence.

The number to call is 01789 762578, option 1. If your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug please make sure they do not return to school until 48 hours after their last attack. Please could you emphasise to your child(ren) the importance of washing their hands after going to the toilet/sneezing etc.

Drop Box reminder

We have installed a red drop box in the foyer. Please use this to deposit notes, letters and any reply slips. Ensure that your child's name is clearly shown and use envelopes as necessary. A supply of envelopes will be available next to the box. Thank you for your understanding.

After School Clubs - There are still spaces on most of the clubs except Cooking, French and Netball Y5&6. Please ask at the office for availability.