

12th January 2018

Thursday 18th January
Reception Vision Screening

Friday 26th January
Film Night Year 3&4 4.45-7pm

Friday 26th January
Warks Road Safety Y4 & Y 2

Tuesday 30th January
Heights & Weights Y6 & Rec

Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day

Monday 12th Feb Rec Exit Point

Tuesday 13th February
Braiswick Photographic in school - Individual & Siblings photographs

19th – 23rd February
Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th February
Fire Safety Talk 1A

Wednesday 28th February
Year 6 KS2 SATs Information Meeting – 5pm

Thursday 1st March
Year 2 KS1 SATs Information Meeting – 5pm

Thursday 1st March
Fire Safety Talk 5D

Friday 2nd March
Bingo 7.30pm

Monday 5th March
Fire Safety Talk 1K

Wednesday 7th March
Physics Phil Year 4

Wednesday 7th March
Science Family Learning Night Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 8th March
Fire safety Talk 5J

Thursday 8th March
KS2 Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 9th March
KS1 Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 9th March
School Disco

Monday 12th March
Science Day - with follow up activities throughout the week

14th – 16th March
Year 4 to Edmond Hall

Tuesday 20th March
Transport Museum & Herbert Art Gallery Year 2

Wednesday 21st March
Parents Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 22nd March
Parents Evening 4-7pm

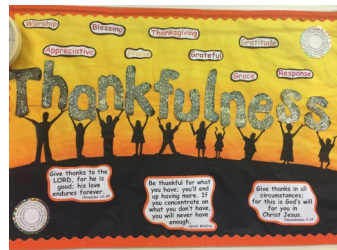
Thursday 29th March
Break up for Easter

Friday 30th March
Good Friday

Children return to school Monday 16th April
Next Newsletter 26th January

Welcome back

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank everyone for their cards and seasons greetings. The Autumn Term was very busy and successful. Huge congratulations to all the children for the excellent Christmas Productions that were enjoyed by many in school and our local community. Our **Christian Value** this half term is **Thankfulness** and we will be investigating the meaning of this in our Value's Assemblies.



Staffing

Welcome to three new members of staff. Mrs Gillies, Miss Chalk and Mrs Mulia. Mrs Gillies is teaching 4W, while Mrs Woodcock is on maternity leave, Miss Chalk is the Teaching Assistant for 6H and Mrs Mulia is supporting teaching and learning in KS2.

Leave of Absence

Please see overleaf for more information regarding leave of absence requests.

Reception Vision Screening

This will take place in school on Thursday 18th January. Consent forms and leaflets were sent home with your children last term. Please can completed consent forms be returned to school by Monday 15th January. Many thanks.

Breakfast Club—invoices will be sent out next week and should be paid by 22nd January.

After School Clubs

Clubs start on 22nd January Most will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm (see letter for individual times). Children stay at school at the end of the school day, have their snack and drink and then get changed ready for the clubs to start at 3.30pm.

Year Group Newsletters

All Year groups took home their phase newsletters today. This has details of what the children will be learning this term. Class routines are included, detailing when your children will be doing PE and sport. Please can PE kits be in school every day. This information is also available on our website www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk

Birthdays

Each week, your child will continue to celebrate their birthday at school in Celebration Assembly on a Friday morning and it will be celebrated on the Friday of the week that their birthday falls. As today is the first Celebration Assembly of the term children whose birthdays fell between 6th–12th January have had their birthdays celebrated. Next week will be 13th - 19th January.

Census Day Pupil Favourites Lunch Menu Thurs 18th Jan

The menu for this day will be:

Hot Dog or (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza



served with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans or Fresh Salad.

(v) American Style Pancake with Fruit Topping or (v) Ice Cream

Fitbits - we are happy that children want to exercise and keep fit. Whilst not wanting to discourage this, parents should be aware that school can take no responsibility if Fitbits worn are lost or broken.

Lunchtime Menus—slightly amended menus have started this week. Please see the website for details.

Online Devices- For many children, Father Christmas has brought exciting devices that enable them to access the internet. For guidance on how to ensure your child's device settings are safe please visit <http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>

as it provides some of the clearest guidance, images and instructions on how to do this.

Amendment to Diary Dates -

The Easter Productions for Year 5 due to take place on 28th & 29th March will no longer be taking place. We have instead been invited to perform at Coventry Cathedral with Coughton, Temple Grafton and POP UK for an Easter service. This will be a fabulous event and more details will be sent to you soon.

Forest School Request - A reminder that Forest School

starts next week for Years 2 and 3 - if anyone has any spare waterproofs, wellies or time to help volunteer please contact the office. We welcome volunteers from any year group, not just from Years 2 and 3. A medical information sheet and letters with full details on have been sent home this week.

Please ask at the office if you have not received these. Please be aware that 3H and 3W have swapped days. 3H will have their session on Tuesdays and 3W on Wednesdays.

Reception 2018—reminder the deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2018

Film Night -This term the Friends are holding their Film Night for Years 3&4 on Friday 26th January - a letter with film choices will be sent out soon Please see the office if you do not receive one.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Medication There are a lot of sickness bugs and illnesses at the moment. As a result, we are having more children requiring medication during the school day. The school is very happy to administer recently prescribed medication to children, please complete a consent from available from the office. Unfortunately we are not able to administer 'over the counter' medication. Is my child too ill for school? When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines found on the NHS website should help.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx>

Library help needed—any parents, grandparents, carers that are free on Tuesday 30th January and would like to come in and help finish sorting the books in the library should contact the school office. Any help for however long would be greatly appreciated. A member of staff will be in the library all day to support any helpers. Thank you!

From The Friends "we just wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped support us, whether its volunteering, baking or supporting/attending events last term. If you would like to be more involved the next meeting is Thursday 18th at January at 7.30pm at the school. Please email stnicholasfriends@gmail.com if you would like more information. Everyone is welcome..."



Join the fun with Change Makers FREE for families!

An afterschool club for families with 4-12 year olds, who want to know more about being active and eating well.

Take part in fun games and activities together, with access to expert information and support.

Discover how small changes can make a big difference to your health and wellbeing!

Starts Friday 19 January 2018
St. Nicholas Primary School
3.30pm to 4.30pm

Change Makers
Family Lifestyle Programme

Places are limited to first come, first served.

To book a place, please complete the form and return to:
Family Lifestyle Coordinator
Sport and Recreation Team
Town Hall, Ermine Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR

Or email fitforfutures@njsby.gov.uk,
phone 01788 533721 or hand the completed form into your school reception.
Alternatively you can contact Justin on:
0773047308

Parent's name: _____
Address: _____
Postcode: _____
Mobile number: _____
Email: _____

How did you hear about Change Makers? _____

Please outline the family members you would like to attend:

Child's Name	DOB	Gender	School

Change makers

Years 1 - 6 had a fun day today with Change Makers. They took part in games and activities and enjoyed an assembly on discovering how small changes can make a big difference to your health and wellbeing.

We are excited to be able to offer an after school club which will be held in the school hall on a Friday between 3.30-4.30pm starting on Friday 19th January. The club is free and the families who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

The children have been given a leaflet with details about this club, which should be returned to the office by Tuesday 16th January if you and your child are interested in attending.