

11th May 2018

Diary Dates

14th May – 17th May
Year 6 SATs

Friday 18th May
AM - Infant Sponsored Bounce

Friday 18th May
PM - Year 6 End of SATs party

Tuesday 22nd May
Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day

Wednesday 23rd May
Year 5 Puberty Talk

Wednesday 23rd May
Reception Sept 2018 new parents meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 24th May
Year 6 Puberty Talk

Tuesday 22nd May
Year 6 PGL Meeting 3.30pm

28th May – 1st June
Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th June School closed
Teacher Training Day

4th – 8th June Year 6 to PGL

Friday 8th June
Non Uniform Day (children to bring in sweets for Street Market)

Sunday 10th June
Alcester Street Market

Monday 11th June
Y6 & Reception Group Photographs

Wednesday 13th June
Year 5 Parent's Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 14th June
Year 3 Road Safety Assembly

Thursday 14th June
Year 6 AM Road Safety

Thursday 14th June
Y2 Meeting – moving to Juniors 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th June
Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

20th & 21st June
Induction Days for new Reception children

21st June Year 1 Educational visit

Wednesday 20th June
Reception Meeting moving to Key Stage 1 - 4.30pm

Week beg 25th June Sports week

Monday 25th June Sports Day

Tuesday 26th June
Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

27th & 28th June
Induction Days for new Reception children

Next Newsletter 25th May

Summer is coming

As the weather is getting warmer, don't forget to put sunscreen on your children's arms, legs and faces in the morning. Plain navy or black hats/caps can be worn at playtime and lunchtime. Can we also request that children bring their water bottles to make sure they keep hydrated whilst in school. We can always fill these up for them if necessary. Sunglasses should not be worn in school unless this is for a specific reason and has been discussed with the class teacher. This may be because of hay fever or eye conditions.



Reminder New Lunch Menus

New menus start next week - 14th May and have been sent home with your children. Details are also available on the school website.

www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk

Infant Sponsored Bounce

On Friday 18th May the Infant Sponsored Bounce will take place in the morning. Letters were sent home last week. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Year 6 End of SATs Party

In the afternoon of 18th May, we will be celebrating the end of Year 6 SATs with a party. Letters were also sent home last week.

Tuesday 22nd May

Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day

Letters were sent home recently with details of this exciting day when Hrothgar, an Anglo Saxon, will be visiting our Year 5 children! If you have not received a letter please ask at the school office.



Wednesday 23rd May

New to Reception in September 2018 - There is a meeting for Parents whose children are joining us in Reception in September on Weds 23rd May at 7.30pm. At the meeting, information will be shared regarding Induction sessions and the arrangements for September.

Year 6 PGL Trip

On Tuesday 22nd May there will be a Year 6 PGL Meeting at 3.30pm in the hall. Please be aware this date has changed (originally 24th May). Information will be given out regarding the trip including a kit list - what to pack and what activities the children will be taking part in. Thank you to all those parents who have returned the medical forms for this residential trip. These must be received by school asap to allow the staff to plan for the week away. If we do not receive your child's form then they will be unable to attend.

Reminder—After School

Dance Club Years 4,5,6 -

Dance will not be held after school on 24th May.

Also due to the change in the date for the PGL meeting, the **Dance Club for Years 1,2,3** on 22nd May has been cancelled. There will be a session held on 17th July to make up for this, so the children will still have 10 weeks of the club.

All About Me

We are going to be introducing a relationships program to the children after half term. There will be a meeting for parents on 27th June at 9am, for approximately an hour, where we will be able to share details of this with you.

Birthdays in Half Term

Birthdays that fall between 26th May to 8th June will be celebrated on our return to school in Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th June.

Car Park

Please can parents be aware that the car park is for staff only and needs to be accessible to emergency vehicles at all times. There are an increasing number of parents using the car park to drop off, pick up and to turn around in. We have witnessed some near misses, where the safety of our children is being put at risk. It has also been reported that some parents are bringing dogs onto the school site. Some of our children are frightened of dogs and may we remind all visitors to school that this is prohibited for health and safety reasons. We respectfully ask for your support in this. Thank you.

Sport update

The Year 6 football team played really well in their final on Monday



30th. Well done to the Year 3/4 footballers who took part in an ABS Football Tournament on 3/5/18, unfortunately they didn't get through to the final. Good luck to KS1 in their Multiskills Festival on Thurs 17/5.

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MULTI SPORT COURSE

Venue: St Nicholas Primary school
Dates: May - Wed 30th, Thurs 31st and June Fri 1st
Time: 10 am - 3 pm
Age: 5 - 11
Cost: £12 per day or £30 for 3 days
Cash or Cheques made payable to David Geden
Contact details: Dave on 07990972762 or davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk
Clothing: Children are required to wear suitable clothing for a wide range of sports. Children may bring football boots and shin pads as football will be one of the sports played. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and drinks to the course.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND CHARITY EVENT

Mr Bower Smith, a year 6 parent has had a conversation with a few of the year six students about the possibility of completing a charity event, They would like to complete an event to raise money for the hospital unit in Bath that has been supporting one of our other year 6 students. After a bit of a brain storming session, it was decided that a sponsored walk/trek across the Malvern Hills, with the addition of a military theme was a fun way to approach this event. He would like to use the walk to teach a few very basic lessons in map reading, first aid and the importance in working as a team. During an interval there will be an opportunity to cook a military ration pack meal (all supplied by Mr Bower Smith).

The proposed dates for the event would be 9th/10th or 16th/17th June 2018.

Mr Bower Smith would welcome participation from other parents although not essential. Working with him would be a small team of trusted colleagues who would be used to drive a support vehicle that would be used if any of the children wanted to stop at any point during the walk.

He has asked for St Nicholas to promote the activity and once we know how many children/ parents are interested, sponsor forms will be given out in good time for the students to raise as much as they could.

If this is an activity you think you would be interested in, please let the staff in the office know.

This is an amazing idea, which would not only be a great experience, but also raise money for an important cause.

IT Safety Online Safety News

Internet Matters has some excellent guides for parents.

Log on to <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The website helps with parental controls on a variety of devices and services.



WhatsApp have announced a new age limit of 16 for users based in Europe. With the upcoming changes to Data Protection rules in the EU, Childnet blog looks at what age restrictions are in place across the most popular social media services, why they exist and what advice there is for parents and young people. The following website has some helpful information:



<http://www.childnet.com/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services>



We have also been made aware of concerns over a game Fortnite Battle Royale.

There is some advice on the following:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

There is also advice on how to report bad behaviour in the game here:

<http://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/en/portal/articles/2843190-how-to-report-bad-player-behavior>

A general guide on what it is etc from Common Sense Media at:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite>



Gardening Club News

Gardening Club—the children have been very busy and have planted some fabulous hanging baskets which are on display at the front of the school.

