

# St. Nicholas Church of England Primary School



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### **Happy New Year!**

Welcome back to school everyone and a happy new year! Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that Santa brought you everything you hoped for!

### **Winter Weather**

I think the last time that we had severe enough weather to force school closures was in 1997. However if you do wake up and find the snow deep outside your door, you should keep listening to Radio Wave 96.5FM or Century FM 105.4. We have agreements in place (in keeping with all schools in Blackpool) to keep them posted of whether school is closed or not and they will keep broadcasting this news.

### **Building Progress Report**

As you may have seen, we now have information boards up on the perimeter fencing, outlining what is being done next on the project. Over the holidays, concrete floor planks were lifted into place by a crane and in the next few weeks we should see the brick and blockwork of the new class rooms starting to go up.

### **Time Capsule Open Day**

The contents of the time capsule that we found in the wall when the classrooms were demolished in October, will be on display to anyone who would like to view them on Tuesday 29th January from 2pm until 7pm. We will also be asking you what you feel we should be putting in the new time capsule for when our building is complete!

### **Schools Alive**

The annual Schools Alive event will be held this year in the week commencing 4th February at the Grand Theatre. Our performance of excerpts of Oliver will be on Tuesday 5th February and tickets are only available from the Grand Theatre box office on 01253 290190.

### **Class Assemblies**

The first class assembly this term will be held on Friday 1st February and will be led by 4JH. Parents of children in 4JH are warmly invited to attend this 20 minute act of worship led by the class.

### **Swimming**

Swimming begins again this Friday (11th January) for year 4 .

## **Holiday Arrangements this Easter.**

You may have noticed that our school holiday pattern and that of all Blackpool schools is following the pattern set by Lancashire schools this year. Because Easter is so early, the school will close for the Bank Holiday Easter weekend on Thursday 20th March and re-open on Tuesday 25th March. The two week end of term holiday now begins at 2:15pm on Friday 4th April and the children return to school on Monday 21st April.

## **Cycle Training**

Cycle safety training begins for children in 5JR on Monday 4th February and will take place each afternoon that week. During the day, bicycles are able to be stored in the bike shed at school. At the end of the day parents have the option of storing the bikes in school or “practising” the newly acquired cycling skills on the way home!

The same arrangements are in place for children in 5NP who carry out their cycle safety training each afternoon, week commencing 11th February.

The Police have contacted us and will be available to code mark your child’s bicycles to help prevent theft. If you are interested in this service then please let us know in writing.

If your child hasn’t got a bike but is in year 5 and would like to do the cycle training please contact Mr Mellor who may be able to provide your child with a bike for the duration of the lessons.

## **Blackpool Children and Young People’s University**

There will be a short meeting (no more than 30 minutes) for parents who are interested in their children gaining credits for the learning that they do outside school. So for example if your child has swimming, judo, football or riding lessons, they can claim credits towards an award from the Local Authority. There will be an annual graduation ceremony and the children will be presented with an award. To find out more, I’ll be holding an information session for interested families at 6pm on Thursday 24th January.

For those families who have been collecting credits for a year now, I would be grateful if the log books could be returned to school by the end of January so that we can calculate the numbers for the graduation ceremony and which awards have been achieved.

## **School Website**

Our school website is due for a major overhaul in the next few months. Our previous technician kept our website up to date but since he moved on we have been looking for other solutions. I will keep you posted with any news that we have.

