



ST. NICHOLAS NEWS



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School Newsletter of St. Nicholas Church of England Primary School
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"St Nicholas' is an outstanding Church of England School with a very distinctive Christian ethos." (Diocesan Inspection 2008)

Welcome Back!

Hope everyone had a good half term and is fully refreshed and raring to go in what is always one of the busiest terms of the year as we count down towards Christmas.



Miss McCann

Unfortunately we will be losing Miss McCann from 1st January 2009 as she has secured a promotion nearer home. Miss McCann has been with us for four years during which time she has contributed greatly to the improvements made at St. Nicholas. We will be sorry to see her go but wish her every success in her new post.

We will be making a temporary appointment so that Miss McCann's class receive the same teacher from Christmas for the rest of the school year and will then be making a full time appointment later in the year.

Buildings News

Just a quick update on where we are with the building.

The hall continues to grow to the east of school with blockwork now up to ceiling height.

The kitchen is now formed along with storage spaces for PE equipment and chairs. Less noticeable is the progress inside the old part of school, with the new staff room and Headteacher's office being nearly complete.

Outside, we have new drains being put in at the front of school and you will have noticed that the outdoor play area for the Reception class was recently completed and is now being used. The same company are coming back to build us a new storage facility for Reception in the near future.



From 1st January 2009 we will no longer have the use of our old hall, as the builders move in and begin to refurbish this part of school. This obviously has implications for dinners, assembly and PE. We will try to manage the issues with PE and assembly in school, but will need to use the spare downstairs classroom for dinners from January. As we will have no kitchen available to us until the new one is built, those children who receive school dinners will be provided with packed lunches for the duration of this time without a hall.



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Wellies!

Mrs Jones and Mrs Heighway have asked that if you have any wellies which your children have grown out of, that you might consider donating them to school so that the children in Reception can use them in all weathers in our new outdoor play area.

We especially need sizes 9, 10, and 11.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings are on Monday 10th November and Wednesday 12th November as advised in the last newsletter. Mrs Boyce is now taking bookings from parents for particular times and obviously as time goes by, more of the "preferred" time slots are being booked. To book a time on either Monday or Wednesday next week, please ring Mrs Boyce on 608900.

Dark Nights

It has become noticeably darker after school with the clocks having changed over the holidays. I am therefore very conscious that it is important that we remind the children about being safe and being seen. I have 23 reflective arm bands left over from last year which we are happy to let the children have if they bring £1 to school marked for my attention. (Mr Mellor).

PTFA

There is, as always, an open invitation to all parents and friends to attend our next Parents, Teachers and Friends Association meeting which is to be held at The Shovels on Wednesday 19th November at 6:30pm.



Photographs

The photographs taken in school recently are now available for order and orders will need to be placed by 21st November if they are to be returned in time for Christmas.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 10th November - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th November -- Parents Evening
- Friday 14th November - Year 4 (4JH) class assembly - parents welcome
- Thursday 11th December - Infant Nativity Play at 2:30pm
- Friday 12th December - Infant Nativity Play at 9:30am.
The Year 3 (3AD) class assembly previously arranged for this date has now been re-scheduled for Friday 24th April 2009.
- Monday 15th December @ 6:30pm Christingle Service at Church
- Thursday 18th December - Junior Disco 1:30-3:30pm
- Friday 19th December - Close for Christmas break at 2:15pm.