

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)

Happy Harvest!

Thank you so much for all the generous gifts of food and consumables which we collected for Streetlife in Blackpool. The collection is testimony to your generosity and care for homeless people in Blackpool.

Another Award!

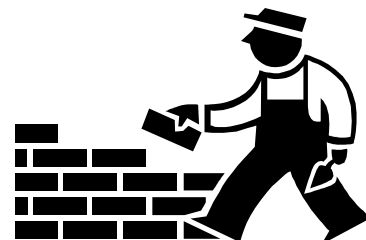
The school was this week recognised for its work with children with special educational needs. We had a visit from Blackpool Council who awarded us the title of a "Dyslexia friendly school" for our work in promoting the profile and meeting the needs of dyslexic learners in school. Congratulations to Mrs Woodcock who has put in so much work in order for us to gain this award.



Buildings News

The new buildings continue to inspire and motivate our teachers and children. We now have our ICT suite up and running and you will no doubt have seen the ongoing work on our new school hall. Inside what used to be Miss Taylor's class room last year, the builders are creating a new staff room and Headteacher's room and the expectation is that these rooms will be ready before Christmas.

We will however be losing our current hall from Christmas for 6 weeks as it is re-shaped by the builders into our new Foundation Stage provision. This will mean that the children will be eating in the spare classroom on the ground floor and that there will be no hot school dinners for the duration of this period. Blackpool Catering Services will be providing packed lunches for all those children who take school dinners.



African Music Festival

Well done to Year 5 for a fantastic performance at the African Music Festival. A big thank you to Mr Robinson, Mrs Legdani and Wedzi who supported and trained the children.

Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers

We are now collecting "Let's Grow" vouchers from Morrisons as well as Tesco vouchers and Sainsbury's vouchers.

A big thank you to everyone who has collected Tesco vouchers for us. Earlier this week we were able to order a digital camera for each class and various other items of computer equipment without having to part with a penny!



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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.



Smoking, dogs and bikes on the premises.

For health and safety reasons can I remind parents that there is no smoking allowed on the school premises. We are also not allowed to admit dogs onto the school site, no matter how small and cuddly! Finally we have had some fast moving bikes ridden into the playground especially at the end of the day. Obviously this is really dangerous and therefore can you make sure that anyone who comes on to the premises remembers to dismount before coming through the gate and walks their bikes whilst on school premises.

Another big thank you!

....for respecting the school's wishes for not using the lane with vehicles. The lane is now considerably safer and the Council have also helped by improving the drainage and making it clear that there is a concealed entrance with the markings that they have put down.

St Nicholas Pupils caring for our community

A huge thank you for your support with the Macmillan Coffee morning (afternoon) organised by Mrs Heighway which raised £75, the Jeans for Genes non-uniform day organised by Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Boyce and the NSPCC appeal which raised a phenomenal £554.97. Our next fundraising event will be: Children In Need on 15th November.



Photographs

A quick reminder that the photographers will be in school on Tuesday 21st October to take individual photographs of the children.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 24th October - Year 5 (5JR) class assembly - parents welcome
- Friday 24th October - Close for 1/2 term break at 3:30pm.
- Tuesday 4th November - School re-opens
- Monday 10th November - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th November -- Parents Evening
- Friday 14th November - Year 4 (4JH) class assembly - parents welcome
- Friday 12th December - Year 3 (3AD) class assembly -- parents welcome
- Monday 15th December @ 6:30pm Christingle Service at Church
- Friday 19th December - Close for Christmas break at 2:15pm.

**School closes for half term on Friday 24th October
and re-opens on Tuesday 4th November**