



## SEPTEMBER 2008

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!

Welcome back for the new school year!

As most of you will have seen, we have completed the first phase of our building programme and the children are now well established in their new classrooms.

The summer was fairly hectic with everything that needed to be done to complete the move into the new phase and we finished at 7:45pm the night before the children came back!



### Buildings News

As you will have noticed, the demolition of the three infant classrooms took place in August and we are now moving on to the next part of the building programme. This will see the new Hall constructed complete with new kitchen, and Junior toilets. Inside what used to be Miss Taylor's Y6 classroom, we have builders creating the new staff room and Headteacher's office.

From 29th September, we will have contractors developing the new Reception Outdoor Play Area on the site of the old staff car park and around the same time we should have some playground markings for the main playgrounds. Eventually there will be a small fence between the wooden shed and the school building which will demarcate the Reception Outdoor Play area. Until then we have metal crowd barriers and I would ask that you not come into this area unless you are specifically coming to see the Reception staff or pick up your child. We did have outdoor play equipment being taken after school on Friday and be used on the playground where they were a hazard.

I have asked the Council's road safety team to come out and mark the pavement where it crosses the top of the lane that runs beside school and Squires Gate FC so that parents are clear where the lane emerges across the path. Hopefully this will make this junction safer.

### School Bags

The children will have mentioned that we now have lockers to keep bags and coats from lying in corridors creating a trip hazard. However we are getting children coming to school with ruck sack type bags which are difficult to accommodate. Please where possible can you encourage the children to bring small bags which will carry their reading books and water bottle. Thank you.



### **Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument?**

After our Year 6 left in the summer we have several musical instruments both brass and wind which are available. School will provide these and lessons are £3.50 per week payable a half-term in advance.

Please see Mrs Boyce in the office if you are interested.



### **Picking up and dropping off!**

The main point of access to school will be through the gates opposite the football club. We are working with the Council to alleviate the problems of the excess water in the lane and hopefully that will lead to a dry path to school.

Once on school premises can I ask you to avoid peering through the classroom windows which can feel a little intimidating for the children.

### **Talented Children Funding**

There is a small amount of funding available to support Talented Children in Blackpool. The funding comes from the Council and is available in three categories covering Blackpool, the North West and National.

For more information please see Miss Taylor or Miss Harper.

### **Arrival at school**

We are in the process of devising the best system for arrival at school in the morning and would advise that once arriving on the school premises via the school gate on the lane, the school doors will open at 8:45am. Until that time the school cannot take responsibility for any children left on the premises.

### **Lateness**

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8.55am and any arrivals after this are deemed to be late on the school register. We now have a clock system which takes it's time from satellites and is correct to 1 second and we will be registering lates against this clock.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Week commencing 22nd September - Years 5 and 6 residential trip to PGL
- 30th September 6pm - Open Evening - Please come and have a look at our new facilities and if you know anyone who is due to send their children to school in September 09 please encourage them to pay us a visit.
- Friday 3rd October -- Year 6 (6CT) class assembly - parents welcome
- 7pm Grand Theatre - African Music Festival - Year 5
- Friday 24th October - Year 5 (5JR) class assembly - parents welcome
- Friday 24th October - Close for 1/2 term break at 3:30pm.
- Tuesday 4th October - 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
- Friday 19th December - Close for Christmas break at 2:15pm.

\* Attached to the back of this newsletter is a Fair Processing Notice which we are legally obliged to send out and a school dinners menu sheet which I know some parents find useful in planning tea which avoids things that the children have had for lunch. We are sending home a holiday and term dates card which fit into a purse or wallet so that everyone has the term dates in a convenient form.