

## St. Nicholas C of E Primary School School Road, Marton Moss, Blackpool, FY4 5DS



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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, I wanted to say thank you to all our families and children, for your support in what has been another turbulent year. We have faced a Spring Term in lockdown, and then, unfortunately, classes forced to close over the last half term, due to positive COVID cases.

There have been, however, so many things over the last 12 months that we must celebrate, such as: Forest School, Children in Need and other fundraising activities, quality teaching and learning on a daily basis, dedicated staff who want to make a difference to the lives of the children, Music awards for Pop Idol and Musician of the year, Online Nativity plays and class worships, virtual poetry recitals, PTFA run events like the Easter Bunny Hunt and raffles, Children's photographs and end of year reports!

I am proud of our community and how we have all worked together, for the benefit of our children, through difficult times.

I pray that times will be easier and happier when we return to school in the Autumn Term.

We say goodbye to many people leaving us at the end of this term.

My first goodbyes go to our wonderful Year 6 children who have been amazing for the entirety of their time at St. Nicholas. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish and grow and we wish each one of them the very, very best for their journeys ahead.

I would also like to say goodbye to the families who will not be joining us again in September, thank you so much for all your support. We have enjoyed our journey with you and hope that you come back to visit us during the many events held in the future.

I would like to say a huge thank you and fond farewell to Miss Barlow (Y5 teacher), Miss Macrorie (Y5 Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Cole (Teaching School Administrator) who have played an important role within our community over the last couple of years and will be missed. You have been fantastic members of staff and we wish them every success in the future in their new schools.

For our September return, I hope the plans we make this week will still be able to run when we return, but should things change, I will be in contact over the Summer holidays.

A number of parents have commented positively to school about the staggered drop off and collection times, as it makes parking so much easier. We will keep the times as they are now –see timetable below – and will review during the first half term.

For Reception class, the times on the table are from when the children are in full time – Monday  $13^{th}$  September.

	Entry time	End of the day Collection time / location
Reception	8.45am – 8.55am via front door	3.15pm Front door of school
Year 1	8.45am – 8.55am	3.15pm from playground gates
Year 2	8.45am – 8.55am	3.15pm from playground gates
Year 3	8.40am - 8.50am	3.20pm from playground gates
Year 4	8.40am - 8.50am	3.25pm from playground gates
Year 5	8.30am - 8.40am	3.30pm - Year 5 Large double gates on p/g
Year 6	8.30am - 8.40am	3.30pm - Year 6 gate number 1

Full School Uniform must be worn, including appropriate school shoes – not trainers. Children may bring in school bags (school will provide book bags the same as this year), packed lunch boxes and water bottles.

Please be advised that jewellery, including earrings, and accessories such as scarfs, hair ribbons and bows, watches, or any other non-essential item of clothing IS NOT PERMITTED. Children will be asked to remove any non-essential item and this will be sent home.

On PE days – PE kit should be worn - school tracksuits, shorts / T-shirts, trainers. The new tracksuit is available to purchase through 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kids on Highfield Road.

Extended Care Club - Before school and after school care club provision will resume as per normal, with the usual drop off and collection times.

## Term dates for 2021-2022

	Open	Close
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Spring Term 1	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring Term 2	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Summer Term 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

Best wishes for a lovely summer,

Miss Taylor Headteacher