

St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this first half term, I want to thank parents for all your support over the last 7 weeks.

We are operating within school in a COVID-19 safe way and I am hopeful we can continue to remain open to all pupils, as we move into the Winter months.

Please remember to always maintain a social distance when collecting your child at the end of the day—and do not congregate near the gates of school. We also ask that you do not allow your child to play in the car park, especially with other children outside of their year group, as this undoes all the work we do during the school day to keep all year groups separate.

During the half term break, I urge our families to abide by the Tier 3 restrictions to protect yourselves and the school community. Please do not socialise or meet up with other households and do not let your children mix with others outside your household.

If anyone in your household tests positive during the half term break, you MUST alert school by emailing me at: head@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk. Thank you.

I have sent out a survey on the app regarding the technology the children have available at home. This is to ensure we can fulfil the requirements of 'remote learning' should a class bubble have to be closed in the event of a positive COVID case in school. Please complete this at your earliest convenience.

I hope you have a restful half term—school closes at 3.30pm on Friday 23rd October (After School club open as usual) and re-opens on Monday 2nd November.

If you have any questions or queries about any aspect of school life, please feel free to email school on admin@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk or you can email me directly on: head@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Miss C Taylor (Headteacher)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Mr Galazka who got married on Saturday!

We wish you and the new Mrs Galazka every happiness for your future together.

Out of School Learning

Sienna has been accepted at the Royal Ballet School to attend their junior associates programme from January 21. She applied last year and was put on the reserve list. She has worked extremely hard this year and even through lock down she attended every lesson via Zoom.

Sienna had to do an audition video following the instructions from the Royal ballet teacher. The Royal Ballet school receives thousands of applications, we are all so proud that she has been accepted!

Congratulations!



Forest School

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Hosni and Amber for the donation of 2 beautiful Olive Trees—these are now resplendent by the entrance to the Forest School area.



Parentapp

Please complete the survey about Remote Learning on the app before the end of the half term holiday. Thank you.



School Uniform

Tracksuits are now also available to purchase from 1st Class Kids on Highfield Road.

<https://www.1stclasskids.co.uk>

From 2nd November, children **MUST** only wear the approved school PE kit. No other tracksuits / leggings will be permitted.

Access to the school

Should you forget to send your child with a water bottle / packed lunch —we cannot grant parents access to school at this time. If you have any queries, please phone the school office on: 01253 966150



Water bottles



Children must only bring water bottles into school containing **water**. We do not allow children to drink juice / flavoured water throughout the day.

Children on a packed lunch may bring a suitable drink (not fizzy pop) in their lunch box to drink whilst they eat their lunch.

Have you heard of Lego based Therapy?

Lego based therapy is a social development programme for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders or related social communication difficulties.

It is an engaging and enjoyable way for young people to develop social skills whilst building some amazing models.



We need your help!

We need lots of small, complete Lego sets, containing instructions, to be able to run our Lego based therapy. If you have any Lego sets that you would like to donate to school we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact Mrs Kitchen or Mrs Parker to donate any Lego items.

Parking and traffic outside school

Please be mindful and respectful of the schools neighbours when parking your car. Recently, the school has received complaints from neighbours and from other parents about cars parked in front of driveways and on yellow lines.



Last week, we had a 'near miss' as a car pulled out on School Road, narrowly missing a child who was crossing over. Please encourage all children to use the dedicated crossing at the front of school, with our crossing patrol man.

