



Dream big, shine bright

St NICHOLAS

C of E Primary School, Alcester

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St Nicholas C of E Primary School – Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Hoping that you have all had a super summer break and are refreshed ready to start the new term.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our children and families back to school tomorrow and seeing all our new Reception families on Wednesday.

Today our staff are busy refreshing their Thrive knowledge and learning about a new platform, Lyfta, that will further enhance our curriculum.

There will be a family newsletter later this week and monthly from then on, sharing lots of news and exciting events that have been happening at our setting.

I am mindful that some families will have been reading about schools affected by RAAC in their construction. Thankfully, our building is not affected. Our building works are going well and are on schedule to finish after half term. At the moment, when collecting at the end of the day, KS2 families will need to enter and exit the playground via the furthest gate/path please.

A reminder that the start times have changed and children need to be in school by 8.45am. Mrs Allen and I look forward to seeing you on the gate in the morning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Laura Newell
Head of School

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Monday 4th September

INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 5th September

Children in years 1-6 return to school

Gates open at 8.40am

Children start their learning at 8.45am

End of the day;

3.10pm for years 1-6

3.15pm for years 3-6

Wednesday 6th September

PPA for years 5 & 6

Thursday 7th September

PPA for years 3 & 4

Friday 8th September

PPA for years 1 & 2

Thursday 28th September

New Reception families meeting – 7pm

Autumn half term

30th October to 3rd November

Tuesday 19th December

Reception Nativity performance

(evening in school hall)

Wednesday 20th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance

(evening, at Greig Hall)

More diary dates to follow in the next Newsletter

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Important updates for Parents and Carers

PPA kit – this week

PPA sessions will start from Wednesday, please see grid below for children's class and activity.

PPA kit this half term	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	5G – Music and Sport 5W – Music and Sport 6G – Forest school 6A – Spanish and Sport
Thursday	3H – Music and Sport 3K – Music and Sport 4H – Spanish and Sport 4J – Forest school
Friday	1B – Music and Sport 1M – Music and Sport 2O – Spanish and Sport 2W – Forest school

Holiday / Leave of Absence Requests

As per Government guidance, all holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Please see guidance on Warwickshire website for further information

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-attendance-exclusions/school-attendance-guidance-parentscarers>

Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please complete our electronic form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/2jbNUFCAda>

Reception Parent Information Evening Thursday 28th September at 7pm

There is a meeting for parents of Reception children on 28th September. This is another opportunity to meet key staff and receive further information about the curriculum in Reception.

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Breaktime Snacks years 3-6

Children in Year 3-6 can bring a snack into school for break time. This snack needs to be fruit or veg please.

Suggestions: a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit

We will also continue to provide fresh fruit for the KS2 children to ensure that there is plenty of choice.

Water bottles

Please remember to send children in with a refillable water bottle. The weather looks lovely for this next week so they will definitely need to be keeping hydrated.

All children need a water bottle in school, everyday please.



Packed lunches

If children are bringing a packed lunch to school please be aware we have several children and staff who have specific food allergies, particularly NUTS. We therefore ask all parents who prepare packed lunches for their children not to include any nut products, e.g. Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches or nutty snack bars.

Thank you.



Community Pantry

Due to all the current building work the Community Pantry will remain closed. Once the safety fencing is removed we will be up and running again.

A reminder that children need to arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.45am

Reception, year 1 and 2 finish their school day at 3.10pm

Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 finish at 3.15pm

