



St Nicholas C of E School Newsletter

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Welcome back...

It has been a great few weeks at school with all the children back together. It has been lovely to see them fall back into routines and friendships so quickly, settling back as if they haven't been away. I know these have been strange times for them but we are always amazed at their resilience.

Since the return to school, staff have been working closely with the children to ensure they are settled and happy; they have re-established routines, offered plenty of opportunities for socialising and reconnecting, checked in on wellbeing and are in the process of assessing the children's attainment on return.

In order that staff can share this information with you, we will be holding parent consultations on the first week back in school, week commencing April 12th 2021. Please ensure you book an appointment with your child's teachers.

Forest School



Tiger and Panther class have loved being back in the forest exploring and celebrating all things outdoors.

To finish off their term in the forest, they celebrated with an egg decorating competition, sourcing natural materials to decorate mud eggs.



World Book Day and Library reopening

World Book Day was celebrated in style in school. The children brought in props and clues for their characters and books, and we had great fun creating drama sketches with these. The children also did lots of other activities such as quizzes and designing book tokens. We completed the celebrations with a visit to our revamped school library with exciting new reads available followed by hot chocolate and story time at the end of the day.



The librarians did a fantastic job getting everything ready for reopening. The library is now open every Thursday lunchtime and we are very excited for the launch of our book club next term. This will be held after school each Wednesday with Mrs Gilpin.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Sharon held an Easter bonnet competition to coincide with our Easter Lunch. The designs were, as always, exceptional. The winners were Bibi from Tiger Class and Autumn from Panther class.



Play leaders and the daily mile



Now school is open fully, our commitment to staying fit and healthy continues. The daily mile has started again; the children run and walk a mile three times a week trying to improve on their fitness target from the start of the year.

Our play leaders have also been busy organizing games at lunchtime to ensure everyone is active, busy and has fun together.

Comic Relief - living out our values...



'The Power of Funny' arrived at St Nicholas last Friday. To raise money for Comic Relief the children dressed to make people laugh. There were some very funny outfits... a lot of back to front clothing, crazy glasses and hair and the odd animal or two!

To date we have raised £125 for Comic Relief. The just giving page link is still open if anyone wishes to still contribute.

[Victoria Asker is fundraising for Comic Relief: Red Nose Day \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Victoria-Asker)

Parent governor

We are currently recruiting a parent governor. Information for this has been sent via the website. Please complete the relevant forms should you wish to apply.

Clubs

We are very excited to announce our clubs for next half term; these include percussion club, Lego club, sports club, book club and healthy eating cookery club. Please ensure you have booked these in before Monday 12 April.

Worship warriors

The worship warriors made everyone very proud this month by leading and planning their own collective worship to celebrate Mothering Sunday. They helped the children to think about all of the amazing things that Mums do for us and reflected on how we may sometimes take these for granted. We look forward to their next collective worship in the Spring term.

Have a lovely Easter break – let's hope the weather is kind to us! We look forward to welcoming you back at the start of the summer term.

Mrs Sarah Taylor
Head teacher