# St Nicholas CE School Newsletter

**July 2021** 

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### Outdoor area and Nursery provision

The outdoor area is coming along nicely. You will have seen we have a lovely natural barked area. We just need the raised beds which will be completed over the summer and the area will be finished. We are really excited for the children to enjoy this new area.

Some of the funding for this area will come from the Tesco collection points system. We have been lucky enough to secure £1000 from this. A small part of this will also be allocated to the school council who have plans to develop the outdoor classroom into a wildlife zone... watch this space!

We are also looking forward to opening our Nursery provision and welcoming our new children on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We have new posters to advertise school which need to put up at various locations such as shops, doctors, dentists, playgroups, cafes or anywhere where parents go, so we can advertise our school and our Nursery provision.

Please also recommend us to friends and family as it is important for the sustainability of our school and the community that numbers continue to grow.

If any parents feel they could help out by taking some leaflets/posters with them over the holidays and dropping them in at places you visit we would be incredibly grateful. These are available to collect from the school office.

### TT Rock stars day

A huge thank you to parents for your help to make our Times Tables Rock Stars Day such a success. I am sure that you will agree that the children all looked fabulous. We all had a wonderful day, doing lots of Maths activities both inside and outside in the school grounds. We have been delighted with how all the children have embraced TT Rock Stars again and how much they have been doing at home.



# **Sports Day**

We had great fun at sports day with the children taking part in lots of different races. Mrs Hatch had sports crew trained and ready to go; they did an amazing job of running the day for us. Photos are now available on the website.





## **School Trip**

We had a wonderful day out at Thorpe Perrow; it was lovely to spend the day together. We started the day off pond dipping; we had some amazing finds including a Damsel Fly, dragon flies and the biggest newt ever seen!

We then proceeded to watch the birds of prey. There were some trainee Owls on display who did a great job, coming a little too close for some of us at one point.

An ice cream and play on the park ended the day perfectly after we had enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sun.

A huge thank you to the PTA who have funded this trip for us all. They are always in need of volunteers and would welcome new members in September. Please look out for a date for a meeting early in September and look out for their new face book page too.









## Leavers day out

The leavers chose to go to the Askam Bryan wildlife park for their last day out together. They had a great day looking at all the animals there and spending time together before they leave us for high school. Thanks to Mrs Hatch for organising this trip for them. It was lovely that Mrs Hatch managed to go too.





#### **Butterflies**

There was great excitement in Tiger class as the butterflies finally hatched. Tiger class have been very patiently watching the caterpillars change to a chrysalis and then finally butterflies arrived. They had a chance to watch them spread their wings and have some food and water before they released them.



#### **IPADs**

We have 8 brand new IPADs in school for the children to use. These have been secured from the school's capital budget. The aim is to develop the number of IPADs in school over the next few years, now we have a full complement of laptops.

#### Leavers

Today we gathered together to say good bye to our lovely Year 6 children. The Year 6 shared their memories of their time us.

We are so sad to see them go but know they are ready for the next step of their journey and wish them well on this. We know they will continue to shine like stars.



# Thank you

Can I take this chance to say thank you to all the parents for the support you have given school in another year where we have faced disruption and uncertainty. I hope you all manage to have fun filled and sun filled holidays with loved ones and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday  $7^{th}$  September. Please don't forget that school is open on Monday  $6^{th}$  September 2021 from 2pm - 3pm for parents and children to drop in to see their new classrooms if they would like to.

Happy holidays and best wishes Mrs Taylor