



# St Nicholas C of E School Newsletter

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What a busy half term. The sun shone, then the rain came, and the children have loved the opportunity to learn both in and outdoors in all weathers. We can't believe that we are in the summer term and the final term for our Year Six children. Look out for more details soon about end of term arrangements and celebrations. Enjoy the newsletter.

## Year Six Leaver Hoodies



A huge thanks once again to our PTA. They have bought the Year Six their favorite present – the leaver's hoodie! They were awarded these in collective worship a few weeks ago and are proudly wearing these around school.

## School council

The school council have taken on a new project this term following the renovation of the outdoor classroom and the garden area. This area has been handed over to the school council. They are canvassing children's views as to how they would like to develop this area. There has been lots of talk of wild flowers, vegetables and bug hotels. We are all excited to see their proposals in the next few weeks and to see how this develops.

Mrs McNamara has also kindly donated some seeds and compost to school. These have been handed over to the school council who will decide where to plant them.



## Outdoor area development

You may have noticed that we have been having some work done on the outdoor area for Tiger class. The area has been cleared, with old sheds and resources removed and the Astroturf replaced to extend the natural grassy area. We also plan on raising the Tiger outdoor patio area in order to level this out; this will be fenced and will become fit for use for our outdoor classroom. We are also installing raised beds where the plant beds are now, so the children can enjoy more opportunities to garden and grow their own produce.



## Worship Warriors

### ***Life Is Patience***

*Poet: Julie Hebert, © 2012*

*To live how we want,  
And to do what we please.  
Can sometimes be tough,  
And not done with great ease.*

*Life works in many ways,  
Some good and some bad.  
Which stops us in our tracks,  
And makes us really mad.*

*We can't all get,  
What we want right away.  
And waiting is needed,  
To show us the way.*

*So learn the lesson now,  
That some never learn.  
Waiting patiently,  
Will allow you your turn*

Thank you to our worship warriors who have been helping Mrs Clegg to lead our collective worship in school.

This month they led a collective worship that explored patience, reading the poem 'Life is Patience' and leading a reflection on what this meant in our lives.

## Stay and Play

We are excited to welcome four new starters to our school community for September 2021 in our Reception class. Our new starters visited school with their parents this week and are attending Tiger class each Friday morning for transition sessions.

## Nursery Consultation

We are incredibly lucky to have a wealth of space both in and outdoors at St Nicholas. With this in mind, and with plans to develop school numbers, the governors are proposing to consult with parents and other community stakeholders about the proposition of lowering the school age to three and providing full time teacher led Nursery provision.

We very much value parent opinion on this and would be grateful for your feedback on this proposal before June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Tennis and Bowls



Panther class children have their eyes set on Wimbledon 2022. Mrs Hatch has very kindly organised for Ellie, a local tennis coach, to coach Panthers each Friday.

We are also very lucky to have use of the tennis courts in the village. The children have loved these sessions and tennis in school is now becoming very popular at break times!



After half term, we plan on continuing tennis practice with school staff at the tennis courts whilst also starting bowling practice with members of the local bowling club next door.

## Clubs

Healthy cookery club has been busy preparing lots of delicious snacks which are healthy too! So far, they have created scrumptious stuffed kebabs, magic wand fruit kebabs, strawberry smoothies and raspberry muffins.



Ian has been teaching hockey to our sports club children; building up new skills, tactics and fitness levels. We will be surveying the children shortly to see which sport they would like to learn at after school sports club after the half term break.

Lego club is proving popular still with some amazing creations growing each week in the school hall such as the pyramids and the Eiffel tower.

## Living out our vision...

Daisy and Evie have been living life in all its fullness and are dancing superstars. They took part in a competition last week for their dance school winning first prize with their teams. Well done – we are so proud!



## Goodbyes

Mrs Hatch has decided it is time to spend more time with Mr Hatch on the tennis courts and enjoying holidays in the sunshine and will be leaving her role at the end of this term. I know we will all be sad to see her leave after 11 years at St Nicholas. I'd like to thank Mrs Hatch for her dedication and hard work over this time and for all the wonderful opportunities and experiences she has provided for the children in our school. She will be very much missed by us all.

Recruitment has taken place for a replacement for Mrs Hatch's role. An appointment has been made, details of which will be shared with pupils and parents as soon as all relevant checks are in place.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Gilpin this week and thank her for the energy and enthusiasm she has had for developing our after-school club. Mrs Cornforth and Mrs Millions will be taking over the after-school club leader role after half term.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Sarah Taylor

Head Teacher