



# ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring Newsletter 1 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## *Our Christian Core Values*



This week in Acorn we have been looking at Chinese New Year. We have been looking at what Chinese New Year is and how it is celebrated, we have found out how the animals used were given the order in which they are in, as well as which animal we were born under. We found out that we have mainly Monkeys and Roosters as well as two Goats, a Rabbit and a Dragon in our class. This year it will be the year of the Tiger. We have looked at writing numbers 1-10 in Mandarin, made tangram pictures and looked at different foods. We have made greeting cards, dragons out of playdough and tried using chopsticks and even tasted some prawn crackers! We have

all had so much fun this week 😊

Pine have been enjoying a week of celebration! We started the week with another New Year. The children had their own countdown and let off party poppers. They also wrote resolutions. We then looked at Chinese New Year. This year will be the year of the Tiger. Pine class were born in the year of the Monkey, Horse or Goat. We watched Dragon dancing and made lucky red envelopes. We have also explored Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children decorated lanterns and took part in a dance class. At the end of the week the children wrote celebration acrostic poems. We have also made calendars for the year 2022.

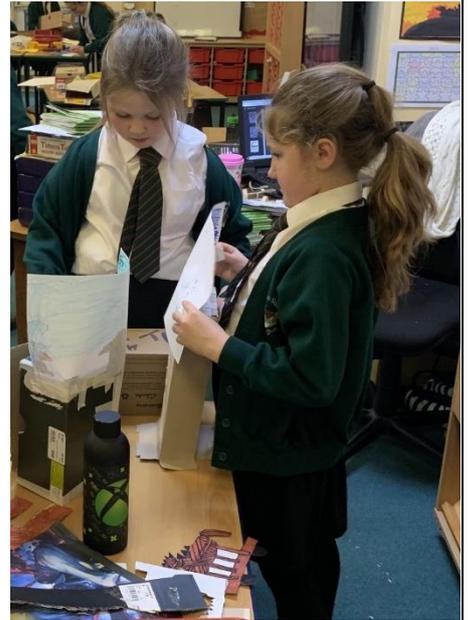




Chestnut Class have been working very hard this week investigating Passover and the Chinese New Year. We tried on a Kippah and Tallit which men wear in the synagogue. We also made matzo which is eaten during the Passover festival. We found out about the red envelopes that are given to children during the Chinese New Year and then completed a science investigation using the red envelope. We have been writing a riddle about the festivals and presenting it to our classmates. It has been a fantastic first week back,

well done Chestnut Class.

In Birch class this week the children have been enjoying learning about festivals. They have been writing riddles about the animals from the Chinese Zodiac story and have been writing shape poems about the Makar Sankranti festival. In maths, we have been learning to order and compare negative numbers as well as learning about roman numerals. The children have also enjoyed starting their cam project and making their moving toys.



This week Oak class have been looking at different festivals from around the world including Chinese New Year, Diwali, and Holi festivals. They have spent time researching these online and watching videos on each festival. In English comprehension we have been exploring Hajj, Holi festivals, and carnivals. In English we have been looking at free verse poetry examples and explored writing and editing

their own poems based on one of the above festivals. We have also looked at Haiku, a form of Japanese poetry, using three lines and a ratio of 5:7:5 syllables in each verse. Some students have written Haiku poems based on their chosen festival.

In art the class have enjoyed making Chinese New Year paper lanterns and dragons out of card.

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We would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards at the end of last term. We felt blessed by your kindness.

As we move into the new term, I would like to remind the whole school community of the importance of smart correctly coloured uniform and shoes. If you have any financial difficulties regarding the buying of uniform please contact the office and we will try to help. The children are not allowed to wear jewellery and I would appreciate your support in enforcing this. It is also important that ear rings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back.

Surprisingly, some of the children have come to school this week without coats. Please make sure that your child has a coat in school. If you have any financial difficulties in providing a coat, please do contact us.

As you maybe aware the guidance around Covid testing will be changing. We have summarised the changes for you below:

The requirement for confirmatory PCR tests is to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results. From Tuesday 11 January 2022, in England, people who receive positive lateral flow results for COVID-19, but are asymptomatic, will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Anyone who develops one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test - these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

In line with the reduced self-isolation approach announced on 22 December, anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 7 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive two negative LFD results, 24 hours apart, on days 6 and 7. The [DfE guidance](#) has also been updated in line with the UKHSA announcement, and clarifies that children can return to school after day 7 if they have had two negative LFD tests.

Reminder: If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address: [office.stnicholas@dcvst.org](mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org).

Please note, if you receive an e-mail from [StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk](mailto:StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk), please do not try to reply to this e-mail address. Although your e-mail seems to send, it does not actually come through to the school. Please reply using the [office.stnicholas@dcvst.org](mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org)

## Awards

### Golden Children

Acorn -	Mathematician of the week: Stanley H Writer of the week: Bobby Attitude to learning: Kaarina Core value: Gracie for showing respect in the classroom and towards others.
Pine –	Mathematician of the week: Darcie Writer of the week: Olivia RF Attitude to learning: Anabel Core value: Prem for showing the core value of love towards his friends.
Chestnut -	Mathematician of the week: Harry Writer of the week: Henry J Attitude to learning: Tyson

	Core value: Sienna for showing the core value of love towards her classmates.
Birch -	Mathematician of the week: Monet Writer of the week: Hunter Attitude to learning: Mia Core value: Esme for showing true friendship towards others during DT lessons.
Oak -	Mathematician of the week: Oliver C Writer of the week: Charlie Attitude to learning: Louisa Core value: Alfie for his continued respect in the classroom

# THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL! We have a number of children with severe nut allergies which means we cannot have any food in that contains nuts, or may contain nuts. Please can we ask that check all packaging of snacks and packed lunches before you send it in to school. This also includes any sweets or treats you send on for your child's birthday celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation

Key Dates	Attendance
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Flu Vaccinations In School	Acorn - 79.17%
INSET Days for 2021 / 2022	Pine - 85.29%
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Chestnut - 84.38%
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Birch - 77.08%
	Oak - 81.25%
	Whole School - 81.35%

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