



ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Newsletter 3 – Friday 23rd September 2022



Our Core Christian Values



In Murphy Class this week we have looked at sounds S and D in Phonics. We have been making lots of repeating patterns with different Maths resources such as counting bears, numicon, Lego and many more items, as well as playing some games to show our adults we know our colours. We have been lucky enough to be one of very few primary schools to get a Baby Born doll that we can share our recycling knowledge with. We have shown baby how to sort things into the different types of recyclable groups such as plastic, cardboard, compost and we have even used our recycling items to make something new for baby such as a bed, a toy or a bath but we came up with lots of different things for Baby Born. We had great fun making our models! We have also been on a nature walk during Foraging Friday and shown baby what patterns we can make with things we find in nature such as twigs, leaves and stones.

This week, Milne Class have started learning about castles for their new topic. We have started to look at types of castles and why they were built. In English we have been continuing to look at sentence structure. We have been working on our number bond knowledge and using lots of practical equipment to help us. In Science this week, we have been looking at animals. We have been sorting animals into mammals, fish, amphibians, insects, birds, and reptiles. Milne class were excited to see Buster this week and behaved beautifully.



In Dahl Class this week we have been creating artwork for our topic of Mighty Mountains. We are also looking at The Minpins in English and in Maths we have been looking at addition. Year 2 had a great time using teddy bears and paper plates to show their number bonds to 20. Year 3 used cupcake cases and counters to show how to add and subtract 100 or 10 from a number. Year 3 have enjoyed learning how to say their age in Spanish and also describe themselves.

This week Walliams Class have been looking at holiday brochures to learn how language and pictures can persuade you to visit a certain location. Our end objective will be to produce a brochure of our own using the techniques that we would have learnt. We have explored emotive words, rhetorical questions, personal pronouns, catchy phrases, and slogans. We have also looked at figures of speech – similes and metaphors to add colour to the writing. In maths we have been working on three- and four-digit mental addition, using number bonds, number lines and partitioning. In computing we have continued with our topic of internet safety and researching online. In Science we continued learning about the human digestive system and how each part of the body works. In Geography we named and located the countries of Europe and identified their main physical and human characteristics. Well done this week Walliams Class!



We have enjoyed another very busy week in Rowling Class. In Maths we have been revising our mental addition strategies and our column method. In English we are beginning a new piece of writing about the famous Volcanic eruption in Pompei. During our Science lesson we carried out an investigation involving our heart rate. We measured it before exercising, after a gentle stroll, after a jog and after 30 seconds of jumping jacks. It was interesting comparing our different rates and how long it took for our heartbeat to return to normal. In RE we acted out the Creation Story, each group was responsible for a different day and everyone tried their very best. Well done Rowling, another good week!

Rainbow Readers

Don't forget to record the reading your child does on the Rainbow Reading Challenge sheet and then send it into school when you have completed the first sheet.

Buster The Mentor Dog

The children (and staff) have been really excited to meet Buster, The Mentor Dog, this week. He has visited all the classrooms and the children have been so calm around him. On a very positive note, the school floor has never been so clear!



School Kitchen

Please see next week's menu below.

School Lunch Menu
Week 1 - Week Commencing Monday 26th September and Monday 17th October 2022
St Nicholas Primary School



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta Bolognese	Roast Gammon	Sausage, Bacon	Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Main course Option 2	Jacket Potato, Cheese, Salad	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Roast Quorn Fillet	Quorn Sausage	Quorn Dippers
Light Bite Option 3	Tuna Pasta Salad	Jacket Potato, Cheese and/or Bolognese Salad	Hot Gammon Roll	Bacon Roll	Jacket Potato, Cheese, Salad
Accompaniments	Coleslaw Salad	Homemade Bread Salad	Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Peas Gravy	Hash Browns Baked Beans Scrambled Egg	Chipped Potatoes Peas
Dessert or Pudding	Yoghurt day	Lemon Drizzle Sponge	Ice Cream Roll	Healthy Fruit Day	Scone & Jam
Other items available	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Fresh Milk Fresh Water	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water



PTA

The money raised by the PTA goes to help support the children and school. Please support these events as much as you can.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 20th October – Spooky Disco

Monday 28th – Friday 2nd December – Christmas Film Week

Wednesday 7th December – Peter Pan Panto at The Towngate Theatre

Friday 16th December – Christmas Fair

Friday 10th February – Valentine’s Day Event

Friday 17th March – Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 31st March – Easter Event

Friday 26th May – Break the Rules Day

Friday 16th June – Father’s Day Stall

Friday 30th June – Summer Fair

Friday 14th July – Prom/Disco

Saturday 22nd July – Tillingham Flower Show

Awards

Headteacher’s Award

Mila for her amazing tribute to the Queen.

Maximus for his fantastic drawing of the Queen.

Golden Children

Murphy	Mathematician of the Week: Ivy-May Writer of The Week: Alex Attitude to Learning: Sloane Core Value of Forgiveness: Agatha for forgiving peers who upset us.
Milne	Mathematician of the Week: Bobby Writer of The Week: Gracie Attitude to Learning: Murphy Core Value of Courage: Harrison for never giving up.
Dahl	Mathematician of the Week: Harry Writer of The Week: Kyla Attitude to Learning: Amber Core Value of Respect: Mia-Jade for listening and focusing on work this week.
Walliams	Mathematician of the Week: Ruby M Writer of The Week: Monet Attitude to Learning: Paloma Core Value of Respect: Teddy W for his respect and politeness at all times.
Rowling	Mathematician of the Week: George

Writer of The Week: Alena
 Attitude to Learning: Sophia
 Core Value of Friendship: Scarlett for being a fantastic friend.

**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. This includes all types of nuts including hazelnuts. 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.

Uniform

Please see the table below giving details of our current school uniform for girls and boys.

For Girls	For Boys:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School cardigan or jumper with school logo on – Bottle Green • Black skirt, pinafore or trousers • White cotton shirt or blouse • School tie (not compulsory for Reception) • Summer term: green and white gingham dresses or playsuits • White socks or black tights (if your child is wearing tights, please ensure they have a pair of socks in their PE bag) • Black leather shoes - no sandals, heels, trainers or boots • Hats to keep safe in the sun • Plain, flat, removable studs only – no hoops. • Shoulder length hair must be tied back with green gingham, green or black hair ties - all hair accessories must be in keeping with the dress code. No large bows or hair accessories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green jumper or cardigan with school logo on – Bottle Green • White shirt • School tie (not compulsory for Reception) • Black trousers • Black shorts in summer • Black socks • Black leather shoes – no trainers or boots • Hats to keep safe in sun • Flat, plain removable studs only – no hoops • Long hair must be securely tied back
PE Kit:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black school PE top (compulsory) • Plain black jogging bottoms • Plain black PE shorts • Black school hoodie or plain black hoodie • Trainers and white socks 	

Key Dates

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20th October – Flu Immunisations
 Monday 24th - Friday 28th October – Half Term
 Friday 18th November – Children In Need – PJ/Onesie Day
 Friday 25th November – Christmas Design & Technology Day

INSET Days for 2022 / 2023

Friday 7th October 2022
 Monday 20th February 2023
 Monday 5th June 2023

Attendance

Murphy: 96.07%
 Milne: 94.18%
 Dahl: 97.31%
 Walliams: 93.81%
 Rowling: 94.81%
 Whole School: 95.12%

Secondary School Admissions

As you may know the Secondary School Admissions opened on Monday 12th September 2022 for parents of current year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Open Days

We will be holding Open Days for EYFS Starters for September 2023 intake on the following dates:

Tuesday 15th November at 9.30am and 11am

Wednesday 16th November at 1.30pm

To organise a place at either of these dates/times please call the school office on 01621 779263 alternatively you can email office.stnicholas@dcvst.org.

If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address:
office.stnicholas@dcvst.org.

Please note, if you receive an e-mail from 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