



# ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Newsletter 8 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## Our Core Christian Values



This week in Murphy Class we have had a theme week based on the Gunpowder Plot. We have really enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate fireworks night. We have learnt what Guy Fawkes tried to do and why he tried to blow up the house of parliament. We have looked at the story of The Gunpowder Plot and sequenced it as well as describing Guy Fawkes as he looks very different to how we dress now as it was such a long time ago! We have drawn our own firework pictures,

had a go at drawing Guy Fawkes, The Tower of London or Beg Ben, chalked fireworks on the playground and even had a circle time about fire safety as well as deciding if Guy Fawkes was a good friend and what makes a good friend. We have also been looking at the numbers 1 and 2 this week, finding the right number of items around the class and as well as looking at number lines and even our number formation.

In Milne Class this week we have been looking at the gunpowder plot. We have learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night. We made fruit kebab rockets on Wednesday. To make our rockets go with a bang, we used some popping candy on the ends! We have also made rockets using 3D shapes. 3D shapes have been our focus in Maths this week. In English we have used our 5 senses to write poems about fireworks night. For Foraging Friday this week we have made our own wands using sticks and wool.



We have had a good first week back in Dahl Class. Our theme week has been based on Bonfire Night. We found out about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot and used this in our writing. We created bonfire night safety posters and used our senses to write a poem. We have made firework art using pastels and chalks. In Maths this week we have used exchanging in subtraction and then taken part in practical shape activities with a firework theme. Our new class book is 'The Twits'.

This week Walliams Class have been rehearsing and practicing their sentence writing skills. We have spent the week focusing on Guy Fawkes and Fireworks Night. We have looked at the history of Guy Fawkes and children have used this information and sentence writing skills to write poetry based around this theme. In Maths we have been working on 2D, 3D shapes and lines of symmetry. In Science we looked at animal food chains and the children had a go at classifying organisms as producers, predators or prey. In Music we looked at how to play the glockenspiel and how to follow music notation. The children really enjoyed playing an instrument and hopefully we will be able to extend our use of other musical instruments as part of our curriculum going forward. In Geography we looked at the human and physical features of a particular European country and used our computing lesson to research specific information about different facts about that country. In Art the children have created some wonderful Bonfire Night themed craft work using paints, chalk and tissue paper. Well done Walliams Class!



This week Rowling Class have been looking at fractions in Mathematics. They have been finding equivalent fractions and seeing how far they can simplify them. In English they have been writing their own Firework Poems, after learning all about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes. To

support this work, we have made some artwork based on fireworks to give us some inspiration when creating our poetry. The afternoons have been filled with lots of magical activities, including making our own wands out of sticks, wool and feathers. We also had an amazing time completing our Scientific challenge, in which the children worked in groups to try their best in order to stop an egg breaking when dropped off the Pirate Ship in the playground! Each child spent time designing and then creating a structure to protect their egg. The materials used cost a certain amount of “money” and they got more “money” taken off or rewarded for cracks in the egg, the egg remaining whole and more. Finally, all of the eggs were dropped in their protective structure and the team with the most “money” left at the end, won! Our joint winners were – Sophia, Jessica, Jessie, Oscar, Megan, Alena, Jeffrey and Evie! Well done!

### **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.

### **School Kitchen**

Please see next week's menu below.

**School Lunch Menu**  
**Week 3 – Week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**St Nicholas Primary School**



	Monday <i>Meat Free</i>	Tuesday <i>"Try it"</i>	Wednesday <i>Mid week Roast</i>	Thursday <i>Around the World</i>	Friday <i>Fishy Friday</i>
Main Course Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	<i>New!</i> Swedish Meatballs in creamy gravy	Roast Chicken Breast with Yorkshire Pudding	Italian Beef Lasagne	<i>New!</i> Bubble coated fish fillet
Main Course Option 2	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Quorn meatballs in creamy gravy	Vege sausages with Yorkshire Pudding	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Quorn Dippers with Tomato Sauce
Light Bite Option 3	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Salad	Tuna Pasta Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Coleslaw	Chicken and Sweetcorn Wholemeal Roll Salad	Jacket Potato with crunchy Tuna Mayonnaise
Accompaniments	Rainbow Salad Salad Bar	New Potatoes Sweetcorn and Peas	Roast Potatoes Carrots and Broccoli Rich gravy	Garlic and herb bread Italian Green Salad	Chips Peas
Dessert or Pudding	Yeo Valley Yoghurts	Zingy orange jelly with cream	Ice Cream, sauce and wafer	Fresh Fruit Salad	Raspberry Crumble Slice
Other items available	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water Fresh Fruit/Fruity Jelly	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water Fresh Fruit/Fruity Jelly	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water Fresh Fruit/Fruity Jelly	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water Fresh Fruit	Wholemeal Bread Salad Bar Yeo Valley Yoghurts Fresh Milk Fresh Water Fresh Fruit

## 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:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Baking and Cookery Club**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Film Week

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Peter Pan Panto at The Towngate Theatre

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine’s Day Event

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Event

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Break the Rules Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day Stall

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Prom/Disco

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tillingham Flower Show

## Awards

### Headteacher Award

**Amber in Dahl Class for amazing efforts in Maths.**

### Golden Children

Murphy

Mathematician of the Week: Cruz

Writer of The Week: Lily

Attitude to Learning: Woody

Core Value of Love: Halle for showing Lucy Love towards classmates.

Milne	Mathematician of the Week: Stanley H Writer of The Week: Esme Attitude to Learning: Eden Core Value of Forgiveness: Grae for showing forgiveness towards others.
Dahl	Mathematician of the Week: Pearl Writer of The Week: Lily Attitude to Learning: Charlotte Core Value of Respect: Sophia for always being good mannered and following instructions.
Walliams	Mathematician of the Week: Hunter Writer of The Week: Jack Attitude to Learning: Emily Core Value of Friendship: Dolly for helping others.
Rowling	Mathematician of the Week: Jacob Bak Writer of The Week: Jessie Attitude to Learning: Leyla Core Value of Respect: Jessica for being helpful and respectful consistently.

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

Key Dates	Attendance
<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES</b></p> <p>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service outside St Nicholas Church</p> <p>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need Spotty Non-Uniform Day</p> <p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Design &amp; Technology Day</p> <p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto Trip</p> <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Murphy, Milne and Dahl Class Nativity</p> <p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service 2pm</p> <p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties. Festive Non-Uniform Day</p> <p><b>Christmas Holidays Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b></p> <p><b>Children return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b></p> <p><b>INSET Days for 2022 / 2023</b></p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</p> <p>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>Murphy: 94.56%</p> <p>Milne: 91.25%</p> <p>Dahl: 96.53%</p> <p>Walliams: 92.35%</p> <p>Rowling: 92.49%</p> <p>Whole School: 93.36%</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Days</b></p> <p>We will be holding Open Days for EYFS Starters for September 2023 intake on the following dates:</p> <p>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and 11am</p> <p>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm</p> <p>To organise a place at either of these dates/times please call the school office on 01621 779263 alternatively you can email <a href="mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org">office.stnicholas@dcvst.org</a>.</p>	
<p>If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org">office.stnicholas@dcvst.org</a>.</p> <p>Please note, if you receive an e-mail from <a href="mailto:StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk">StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:office.stnicholas@dcvst.org">office.stnicholas@dcvst.org</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remembrance Service</b></p> <p>Our Remembrance Service will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am outside St Nicholas Church. Parents are welcome to join us.</p>	

Poppies are available to purchase in school for a minimum donation of 50p. Please send in any money in a named envelope and give it to the class teacher.

