



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

Relationships Enjoyment Aspiration Courage Hope

A message from Mrs Kitts

Autumn appears to have arrived with the misty mornings and the sight of the beautiful webs around the school first thing each morning. Autumn is a time for looking up at the changing leaf colours. The falling leaves provide opportunities for all sorts of questions from the children who wonder about the how and the why. Please ensure all children have wellies and coats at school every day so we can make the most of these opportunities.

Our Christian School

We are currently working on ideas for our reflection spaces in school. Children will be encouraged to use these areas for quiet contemplation or prayer.

Our children's views on how Collective Worship makes them feel:



Our theme for Collective Worship this term is Courage and today we were thinking about being courageous so that

rather than taking the easy path, we make the right choice.

We are currently planning our Harvest Festival service in church and will send out further details nearer the time. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us in the church at 9:00 on Friday 13th October.

Census Day

Whilst we don't need to travel to the place of our birth like the Bible says Mary and Joseph had to, we would like to encourage all children to book a school lunch on Thursday 5th October as this will link directly to some of our future funding.

Thank you

Many thanks to the Bromham Ladies who made a generous donation of £300 for the use of the school hall.

Screen time information

As parents, you may worry about your children's screen time but you might like to read the article in this link to find some ways to make it more productive:

[Can screen time be good for kids? - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Uniform is smarter – thank you!

We really do appreciate all you are doing to ensure your children are smart and wearing the correct uniform and plain t-shirts for PE and Forest Schools. Trainers can be any colour.

Please ensure named wellies and coats are in school at all times.

Forest School

“Why does the frequency of the Forest School sessions vary between classes?”

These sessions are an addition to our core curriculum because we believe it offers a wide variety of benefits including physical, social and emotional development in addition to fostering a love of nature and the outdoors as well as woodland knowledge and skills. However, we have many statutory subjects to cover so we cannot give every year group a session every week otherwise we would not be meeting our duties as a school. In order to provide qualified Forest School leaders, we have decided to offer these sessions to Holly and Thorn Class fortnightly and Willow Class once a term.

We would like to expand our horizons and utilise local woodland in addition to our wildlife area so would welcome any connections you may have with landowners who may allow our children to use their woodland areas.

Walk Safe

This week we welcomed the Walk Safe initiative into school to teach the Year 1,3 and 6 children more about keeping safe when out and about near the roads.



Governing Body AGM news and vacancy

Chair of Governors: Mr Ross Phillips
Vice Chair Governors: Mr Pete Wallis
Chair of Finance and Buildings
Committee: Mr Mike Wey.

There will be a vacancy for a parent governor coming up in October so please consider whether you would like to be involved in the important strategic work of the governing body and maybe talk to one of governors to find out more about what is involved.

Swimming

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children have just begun their 6 week course of swimming lessons at Calne Leisure Centre to help ensure they feel more confident in the water, can self-rescue and swim.

Bedtime story session

Children in Reception through to Year 3 will have been invited to join us for a bedtime story session on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm. Children can snuggle up with a story while parents learn a bit more about phonics and reading.

Books, books, books

In addition to the book exchange in the foyer for parents and carers to use, we have established a link with the Devizes Book Shop who will take an order for books to mark your child's birthday. Their contact details are;

Tel: 01380 725944

Email: sales@devizesbooks.plus.com

It has been lovely to hear parents saying their children are really enjoying their reading this year.

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Wiltshire Library Reading Challenge and were presented with their certificates in Celebration Worship on Friday.

Looking forwards.....

Wednesday 4th October 6pm – Bedtime stories. A letter has been sent separately.

Friday 13th October 9am - Harvest Church Service: All welcome.

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October - Parents' Evenings: Details to follow.

Last day of term 1 – Tuesday 17th October

Wednesday 18th October - Training Day
(No children in school)

First day of term 2 – Monday 30th October



Our vision:

St Nicholas School is a nurturing, Christian school in the heart of the community which aims to inspire life-long learning. We will encourage every individual to find their passion and achieve excellence.

