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ST. NICHOLAS PRIORY NEWS

February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter!



Lots of exciting things have already started for children including visits to Norwich Castle and also graffiti artists in to work with Year 3.

We have recently sent home information about maths and reading which we hope families will find useful.

Can I just take this opportunity to remind parents that we are having a competition to see how many parents from each class sign up to the reading pledge of reading just 10 minutes a day. We are going to display the pledges that we receive from each class in and around the school.

There is another copy of the reading pledge at the end of this newsletter for you to complete and return. Please speak to the office staff if you did not receive a copy of the Reading Booklet we sent home to you with the children earlier this week.

Mrs Maria Grimmer
Acting Head Teacher



New Website!

Checkout our brand new look
website:
www.st-nicholaspriory.org.uk

WWW.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child/ren come to school wearing the correct uniform. Guidance can be found either in the prospectus (on the school website) or you are welcome to call into the office for a copy.

Thank you for your support with this.



Volunteers needed!

Are there any parents/carers who would be able and willing to listen to children read in 3K at 2.30pm on any day of the week? If so, please speak to Mrs King.



News from Year 4

The Year 4 project this term is entitled “Who are the heroes of ancient times and why?” and centres on important characters from the Ancient Roman and Greek civilisations.



As the launch day for our project, on Tuesday 17th January, Year 4 took a trip to Norwich Castle Museum. The children were very excited to see some of the things they were learning about in class. The enactments and ancient objects really brought their learning to life.

In the morning the two classes, 4M and 4S, made some Celtic Torcs. These were necklaces like those worn by the Iceni. Torc means ‘twist’ in the Celtic Language. The children also learned about being in the Roman Army. They were able to see a Roman soldier’s uniform and a selection of their weapons. They also had a go at forming a testudo – the turtle formation of shields used so successfully in the Roman Empire. After lunch the children learned about life in an Iceni village and were able to handle 2000 year old Roman pottery and files. They also learned about the Roman occupation of Britain and Boudicca’s rebellion.

We will also be learning about Roman architecture and engineering and considering why so much of it still exists 2000 years later. The passage of time is an important concept in this project.

The finale of the project will be an enactment of a Greek and Roman Forum where the children will present what they have made and nominate their hero. The audience will then vote for their favourite from the ancient world.

News from Year 5

We are going to Norwich Castle on Friday 3rd February for a ‘Saxons and Vikings’ themed day. This will be preceded on the Thursday by a day of Saxons and Vikings work in class.

We have a lady from the council coming in the week before half term to talk to the children about designing playgrounds and making sure they are safe/suitable.

We are attempting to book the Town Hall for our exhibition, we will keep you informed!

So far, 5R and 5T have performed their class prayers in assembly with 5A due to perform theirs on 10th February.



Illustration: 25/02/2015

News from Mrs Simons, RE Coordinator and Y6 Class Teacher

Our Easter service will be held on Thursday 30th March at 11am. Parents/carers and other family members are welcome to attend; we look forward to seeing you there.

The annual RE celebration event at the Minster will be running from Friday 16th to Friday 23rd June. The theme is 'Peace and Reconciliation' in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the bombing of the Minster.



Parking near the school

Parents/carers are politely reminded not to park illegally when dropping their child/ren off in the mornings or collecting them after school. We have had several 'near misses' and we do not want anyone to get badly hurt or worse.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in school. We will be displaying this in the hall on Friday 10th February at 3.30pm for parents/carers to look through. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity.



Trading Cards

Trading cards e.g. Pokemon and football cards may be brought into school and used in Social Club and Breakfast Club. However, the school cannot take responsibility if any cards are lost or stolen.



Inhalers

Please remember if your child suffers from asthma to ensure he/she has an inhaler in school at all times. We ask that one is kept in the classroom and a second is kept in the medical room in case of an emergency. Please also ensure the inhalers are in date.



Parent Forums

We regularly hold parent forums whereby parents/ carers are invited to come along and find out about/ discuss a particular topic. The next forums will be held at 2.30pm on the following dates and will be held in the Dining Hall:

English: Tuesday 28th February

Spelling: Thursday 2nd March (**please note this is an amendment to the letter sent previously; maths division will be re-scheduled at a later date**)

Maths (multiplication): Thursday 9th March (**please note this is change in date from the letter sent previously**)

Love of Reading: Thursday 16th March

If there is a topic you would particularly like us to cover, please contact us and we will try our best to accommodate it.

We look forward to seeing you!



Maths News

Pupils have recently been given a booklet about how we teach arithmetic in school. We hope you find it useful.

We continue to run our Maths café every Wednesday at 2.30pm in our Dining hall. Several children will soon be receiving their prize for regular attendance.

Our new school website now includes Maths Café activities to try at home.

The next Parent Forum about maths will take place on Thursday 9th March at 2.30pm.



Contact information for parents/carers

Please remember to tell us if you or any of your child's other contacts change their telephone numbers or other contact information. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you or an alternative person in the event of an emergency or should your child become ill whilst at school. Thank you for your support.



PARENTS PLEASE MAKE THE READING PLEDGE!

Please sign and return the slip below, thank you for your support!



I pledge to read with my child (name).....

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in class, for 10 minutes every day.

Signed

Many thanks for your cooperation in making us a great school

Please return this slip with your child for reading



Dates to remember (separate letter sent last week; please see office staff if you did not receive a copy)

Online Safety presentations for parents/carers: Wednesday 1st February 2.30 to 3.25pm and 5pm to 6pm (separate letter sent; please see office staff if you did not receive a copy)

Year 5 trip to Norwich Castle: Friday 3rd February

Lost Property to be displayed in the hall for parents: Friday 10th February at 3.30pm

February Half Term Holiday: Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Pupil led Parents Conference: Tuesday 21st February (3.40 to 7pm) & Wednesday 22nd February (3.40 to 5.30pm) - further details to follow

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

School Photographer in (class photos): Thursday 16th March



Red Nose Day: Friday 24th March

Easter Disco for Help4Heroes: Thursday 23rd March

Easter Service in the Minster at 11am: Thursday 30th March

Easter holidays: Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April (pupils return Tuesday 18th April)

Help4Heroes – ‘Who will eat the salted doughnut challenge’: Monday 24th to Friday 28th April

Monday 1st May: school closed due to bank holiday

Y6 National Curriculum tests: Monday 8th to Friday 12th May

Help4Heroes ‘Beat the Goalie’ Challenge: Monday 15th to Friday 19th May

May Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Upper School Camp Whitwell: Monday 12th to Friday 16th June

New intake parents’ evening for children starting in Reception September 2017: Thursday 22nd June

New intake parents’ evening for children starting in Year 3 September 2017: Thursday 6th July

Reports to parents: Friday 7th July

Summer holidays: Monday 24th July to Tuesday 5th September (pupils return Wednesday 6th September)