

# St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School Summer Term Newsletter



## Staff Changes

### Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

At the end of the summer term we are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Riley from Reception who has worked at our school for a number of years. She will be taking up a part time post elsewhere

Ms Steph Rowland is embarking on an exciting new journey to train to be a teacher

Mr Matthew Howes will also be moving on to another positive and Miss Stout will be moving back to London. We wish these colleagues well and thank them for everything they have done for our school.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Kim Taylor a teacher in year 5, Mrs Yasmin Abagail as a cover member of staff and also Mrs Tammy Smith as our new librarian.



## Attendance

It is essential that your child comes to school every day. The target is 96%.

Dear Parents and Carers

As another very busy academic year draws to a close we are delighted to celebrate many achievements in terms of progress, behaviour and sport. I am sure you would agree that the staff and children have worked extremely hard to Achieve such positive outcomes.

On 4th May we had an extremely positive church inspection (SIAMS) This can be viewed on our website.

As a church school it is extremely important that we are able to make a difference and are constantly trying to work together with our community to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year, particularly during the tragic loss of Harry Simons.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our year 6 children every success for the future and everyone a very safe and happy holiday.

School reopens on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 8.40  
Maria Grimmer

Mrs Dee Wells is our attendance officer and will contact parents where there are issues relating to attendance. Please remember that if you do have any issues then Ms Roz Hazel is available at Drop In' every morning.

Year 1	Jenna Ray
Year 2	Cheryl Allibone
Year 3	Romy Simons
Year 4	Darron Midmore
Year 5	Belinda Maas
Year 6	Charlotte Thornhill

## Readiness for School

Please can all parents ensure that they have completed all the necessary paperwork to ensure that children have a prompt start in September.



We can only maximize learning opportunities by ensuring that children are safe and behave well. We

appreciate parental support to ensure that this happens. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or concerns. This should be first the class teacher then the standards leader for the year group and then the Deputy Head teachers and then myself. There are always members of the senior leadership team on gate duty at the beginning and end of the day.

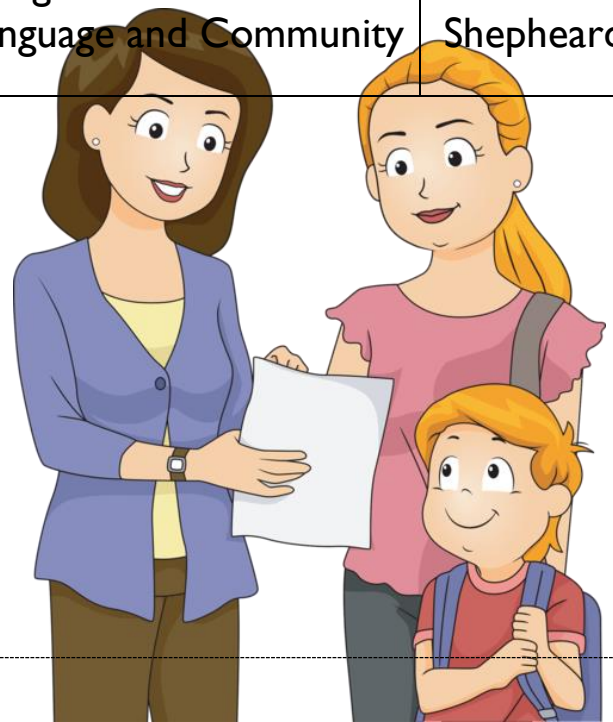
Can I also respectfully remind parents that violent or aggressive behaviour towards members of staff will not be tolerated.

## Other members of the Senior Leadership Team

Head of standards Key Stage 2 years 3 – 6	Mrs Amy Richardson
Lead Practitioner with responsibility for teaching and learning and maths	Mr James Little
Key Stage 1 Deputy (Year R, 1 and 2)	Ms Linda Dyble
Key Stage 2 Deputy (Year 3,4,5,6)/ SENDco / overall management of behaviour	Mr Dan Rust
English as an additional language and Community	Ms Emma Shephard

## Standards Leads overseeing the year group

Year R	Hannah Lawrence
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## Uniform

Please find a list of the acceptable items for children to wear as part of our whole school uniform. Pinafores are not part of our uniform policy. School skirts are available from Harrison's School Wear. The main colour for our uniform is black. **Grey or navy blue is not acceptable.** We would also ask parents not to have patterns cut into children's hair, as this also is not part of our school uniform policy. School ties are always available from the school office



Harrison's School Wear will be relocating Saturday 14th July to 73 Southtown Road, Great Yarmouth which is currently occupied by Choice Promotions (Old Anson Arms). The opening hours will be: Mon - Sat 9:30 - 5:00 pm

## School Meals

We were delighted that the kitchen staff led by Mrs Lesley Ball had an unannounced food hygiene inspection and were awarded a 5 star by Great Yarmouth Borough Council for food hygiene.

We are extremely lucky that all of our school meals are prepared from fresh local ingredients on site. In order to maintain this high quality service it is with regret that governors have agreed to increase the cost of school meals from £1 to £1.50 from September 2018. However we have not had an increase for two years.

If you feel that you might be eligible for free school meals then please come and collect a form or speak to someone in the office.



Starting next school year, we are going to give parents a new way of paying for school dinners and trips.

Rather than bringing cash into school, you will be able to pay online via PayPal, or come to school office and load your account in person using a contactless card.

More details will follow in September.

## Home Learning

We are making available for all parents what will be taught each term so that you are able to support your child at home. If you have any questions then please ring the school office and make an appointment to speak to the class teacher



## Behaviour

We want to ensure that all children are safe and able to learn effectively in school and our pastoral and behaviour team support this on a daily basis. Class teachers will update parents when any issues occur and also contact parents to celebrate children making good choices. Our behaviour team is Mrs Maureen Steward and Mrs Vicky Marriot who are also available to discuss any concerns that you might have after speaking to the class teacher and standards lead.

There are many rewards available for children who behave well and 'Hot Chocolate Friday' with delicious cupcakes seems to be a favourite.

Thank you to all parents who supported the Oscar evening. 33 children were nominated by their class peers and teachers as shining examples of outstanding behaviour. Each child received a golden Oscar award and certificate at the awards ceremony and families joined staff at the end for refreshments. This is a great event and a real opportunity to celebrate outstanding in our school. In addition, 12 children were also nominated by the Behaviour Team for significant improvements in their behaviour this year. These children joined in celebrations on the Oscars Awards Evening and each received a trophy and certificate in recognition of the efforts they have made so far.



You are able to monitor your child's behaviour via the Schoolgateway app (free download). Please let the school know if you require any assistance in downloading or setting this up. Alternatively, you can log in at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

An advertisement for the Schoolgateway app. It features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's interface. To the right is the Schoolgateway logo, a blue infinity symbol. Further right are two buttons: 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'. At the bottom, the text 'Schoolgateway' is written in white on a blue background, followed by the tagline 'Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever'.

## Year 1 - News

Year One have had a fantastic term! The children have worked exceptionally hard especially in phonics and we are pleased to announce that the score for our phonics screening test was a whopping 88%!!! We could not be happier and are so proud of the children! After the excitement of the phonics screening, we have been learning some amazing facts about bees and wildlife and were lucky enough to visit Hirst Farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed their outing and really liked dissecting owl pellets to find bones and *eating* fresh peas out of the field.



## Year 2

During the Summer term year 2 have done their KS1 SATS and have really done St Nicholas Priory proud, with their great results. As a treat for this super effort the whole year group went for a trip to the beach and enjoyed some ice-creams.

The children have made a wonderful effort in this last term of KS1 and we wish them lots of luck as they progress to KS2.



## Year 3

Year 3 started the summer term with a wonderful whole day visit to BeWildewood. All the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and used what they learned back in the classrooms to design and make an adventure park. We also looked at information leaflets and created our own ones.

We have also been learning about Ancient Egypt and children found learning about embalming and hieroglyphics particularly interesting. Some children visited the planetarium at Alderman Swindell and also in science

we have been experimenting with magnets and materials.



In PE and games we have been enjoying the warm weather, taking part in athletics and team games.

Throughout this term we have been getting better at learning collaboratively and challenging ourselves so that children do not do the easiest work but try to “go for gold” as much as possible. This is helping children get better at learning independently of the adults in class and getting them ready for year 4 and beyond.

The year 3 team have loved being with the children this year. We wish all the children, their parents and carers a wonderful summer break. Let’s hope the sun continues to shine!

The year 3 team - Mr Little, Ms Bollington, Miss Rowland, Mrs Carter, Mr King and Mrs Sewell

## Year 4 – News

Year 4 have travelled back through time, this term, to visit the Romans. Our first adventure was to Norwich castle to visit the Romans and Icenis (the local Celtic tribe) and find out who was the best! Then, back in school, we wrote about our adventure and learnt how to use

Roman numerals. Next came our amazing mosaic tile designs, which we created using grout and miniature tiles. We have also been learning about Roman entertainments such as gladiator battles, chariot racing and Roman baths. We're finishing off a fantastic term by writing exciting portal stories.



displayed in the Town Hall. In addition to their Summer Term Project, some children took part in an engineering activity and designed a bridge for the third river crossing!



Finally, the Year 5 children have continued their food-sharing feasts with the residents of the Fisherman's Hospital. The residents said that they were delighted with the children's visits and the Year 5 children were very keen to deliver the food as they enjoyed helping people within the community.

## Year 5

To launch their Summer Term Project, which explored the history and development of Great Yarmouth, the Year 5 children visited locations within Great Yarmouth to find the 'treasures' that it contains. We visited the Venetian Waterways, where a historian met us and explained its history to them, also the Scroby Sands Wind Farm Visitor Centre and St. George's Park. They also took part in an 'environmental day' where the children undertook a beach litter-pick, supported by G.Y.B.C. Environmental Services, before receiving a visit from Dr. Tom, who is a historian from the University of East Anglia, informing the children about recycling in Victorian times. The children also created models of Great Yarmouth, which were presented to the Mayor and



## Year 6 – News

Great things we have done this term  
The summer term saw all of Year 6's hard work come to a head as they embarked on their end of KS2 tests. Staff were immensely proud of how the children tackled the questions they were faced with during this week, with positivity and trying their very best throughout the week. Year 6's project Who is the greatest showman? Started at the beginning of the term with a visit to the Hippodrome circus. They loved the Pirate show; watching the trapeze artists, African dancers and funny men Jack Jay and Johnny Mac. This gave children lots of inspiration for their own end of year performance. After watching The Greatest Showman, as an end of test week reward, Year 6 had furthered this and knew what they wanted to do. Over the last few weeks all of Year 6 have been practicing songs and dances to perform in the final show of their primary school career. As Year 6 prepare to move on to high school all staff at St Nicholas Priory would like to wish the children the very best for their

future. You are all capable of amazing things!!

## Sporting news

Miss Howes is proud to share the achievements with thanks to those who contributed to all of the sporting events this year. We have a wide range of talents in the school covering a selection of sports.

Well done to the following teams for taking first place.

Y1/2 football

Y2 dodgeball

Y5 athletics 1st, Y6 2nd

Y5/6 dodgeball, 1st and 2nd

Y5/6 netball, North league

Many others teams such as athletics, cross country, dodgeball, football and hockey took 2nd and 3rd place as well as setting personal goals and targets for next year.

Looking forward to seeing what 2018/2019 brings in the sporting year.



## Key dates

The first day of the new academic year begins on **Thursday 6th September 2018**

Please ensure that children are on site by **8.40** and not late for school. Children also need to be in school every day. If your child is unwell for any reason, we will contact you. It is essential that any changes to your contact details are given to the school office

During the first three weeks of term there will be an opportunity for a 'meet and greet' session with teachers we do hope that as many parents as possible will be there.



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