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Newsletter: First week back Autumn A 2017

**Whole school half termly focus:**

**I am learning to support my friends and understand their needs during work and play**

**Whole school Christian Value for this half term:**

**Friendship - kind hands, listening ears and looking eyes. I am learning to be a good friend.**



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to St Nicholas - all of the children in each year group have had a super start to the week. A special welcome to our new pupils in Reception and further up the school.

My first thank you goes to our staff team who have worked very hard at getting the school ready for another new year. The classrooms, garden etc all look fabulous and the children are enjoying their updated learning spaces. Our outdoor work will continue this term with Mrs Billington organising the repair of window frames etc. Thank you to Mr Bendell who worked very hard over the holidays to paint, repair and transform our new Butterfly Class - based now in the main building beside the office.

My second thank you is from all of our staff team - your end of year wishes and gifts were very much appreciated by all.

We look forward to working alongside you this term - we are all keen to keep improving and updating so if you see/think of anything, please do drop your suggestion in to the suggestion box in the school office area - beside the photocopier as from Mon. 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Reminder** - if your child is off school, please do phone the school office to let us know by **9:00am**. This is most helpful.



**Class folders on our website**

All teachers will have their timetables, curriculum maps and homework information sheets on the website. Please do access your class folder to see what learning is taking place. Over time, photos of learning experiences will also be on line.

**Uniform order reminder**

The online ordering deadline is the last Friday of every month.



**Your email?**

As from next term, we will not be sending home paper copies of our newsletters. All of our fortnightly newsletters will be emailed / available on our school website. This is our effort to be even more eco-friendly.



**After school clubs**

**Our clubs start next week so please do look on the Clubs' Tab on our website. Note - permission slips are found in each classroom. All completed forms are to be given to the class teacher please, not the school office.**



**Shoe boxes**

Please can you keep your empty shoe boxes as we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child this half term. More details to follow.





## Diary Dates:

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Sept - All Reception Year Laminated booklets to be given in to Mrs McGinty.

### **SEPT:**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - all year groups get homework sent home + daily reading starts. (Teachers sign each child's reading record each day, noting comments by parents from the home reading.)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm - Year 1 vision screening

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm - Somerset County Council visits our school as a 'congratulation and well done' on pupil learning and achievement standards.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm - PTFA meeting in our school hall. All new, keen parents are very welcome.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Matt Callaghan leads our Collective Worship - The Lord's Larder - our Harvest charitable work (more details nearer Harvest)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Governing Board Meeting with Diocesan Staff at 5:30pm in our school hall.

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - School visitor, Susan Green from Open Air Campaigners for whole school assembly at 1:35pm in our school hall.

### SEPT continued

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> - Football Tournament at KA school at 12:30pm - 3pm (More details coming from Miss Steninger our school's sports leader.)

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> - Governing Board meeting at 5:30pm in the school hall.

### **OCT:**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Service Rehearsal at 11:00-noon in the village church. (All classes only)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - Gemma from NSPCC visiting KS1 at 9:20 - 9:50 + KS2 at 9:55 - 10:30. Years 5 & 6 pupils will also have a workshop at 11:00 - noon.

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - our WHOLE SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE in the village church at 2pm. \*The children will go home from church on this date.



### Parents' Celebration Assemblies:

(2:45 in our school hall - see our full year planner on our website - tab on left hand side 'Parent/Pupil Assemblies')

\*We will text if there is a time change.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Butterfly Class

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Hedgehog Class

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Ladybird Class

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Dragonfly Class

*Here's to a very happy, productive term.*

*Mrs Alison Shearer*