

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus with Respect, Perseverance, Care, Trust and Thankfulness.

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents

As this week closes, it brings with it a buzz of anticipation and excitement for the staff and children who have been in school who are looking forward to seeing everybody back next week. I hope you and your child are looking forward to their return, although we appreciate that for some of our children they may feel worried or nervous after yet another time away. Please be assured we will do all we can to nurture them and settle them back in as quickly as possible. I talk a bit about how the children might be feeling in my [worship this week](#). There are also resources online that parents might like to have a look at [here](#).



Staggered arrivals and dismissals

On Monday 8th children will return to their staggered arrivals and dismissal times based in bubbles. Details of this as a reminder are below. Please check your child's class as some have altered ever so slightly. I will be on the playground all week to receive the children with staff and welcome them back. If you need me to help you by coming towards you and your child to support them to separate from you, give me a signal and I will do so.

Class	Start	End
Nursery	8.45am	11.45am or for children here all day, doors will open from 3.15pm
RG	8.45am	3.30pm
RP	8.30am	3.10pm
Year 1	8.35am	3.20pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.30pm
3G	8.30am	3.15pm
3W	8.40am	3.25pm
4SB	8.45am	3.30pm
4A	8.25am	3.10pm

Breakfast Club and After School Club

For those who would like to use Breakfast Club and After School Club again from March 8th, there is no need to book back in if you were previously using the service. New parents requiring a place for their child/children or needing to amend a booking should contact emily.hughes@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk or office@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk as soon as possible. Invoices for February were sent out on Monday 1st March, we hope to send March invoices out on 8th March and thereafter billing will be in advance as normal. We are pleased to be able to be back up and running and welcoming your children back!

School Dinners

From 8th March hot school dinners will be served as normal for those entitled to them or those who wish to pay for them. [Menu and other information can be found here](#).

St Nicholas Nursery September 2021 intake

Can you help us spread the word on your social media page about what we offer in terms of Nursery provision and wraparound care? [If so please see here](#). Parents have not been able to visit the school as they would in normal times and we want to ensure that they know that we are here and offer care from 7.30am-6pm, 5 days a week.

School Organisation To Minimise Transmission

The children will be taught in a class sized bubble and they will work with children and staff across a year group bubble within the 2m social distance. Bubbles will not mix. Children will continue in Years 1 to 4 to sit at front facing desks. We will try to limit the amount of equipment that is shared and will encourage children to distance as much as possible as well as limiting movement around the classroom where possible.

Children and staff will be expected to wash their hands more regularly using soap and water and dry them with a paper towel or use hand sanitiser. Children and staff will need to keep the 2m social distance outside of their year group bubble. All in school will be expected to use the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it principle for coughs and colds.

There will continue to be rigorous cleaning of equipment that is frequently used within a year group bubble and any equipment that is shared between bubbles will be cleaned before others use it. There will continue to be increased cleaning of toilets and a deeper daily clean of frequently touched hotspots also.

Movement around school will be coordinated to avoid contact with other classes/bubbles and there will be no whole school assemblies or events. Visitors and volunteers to school will be limited to only essential visits until further notice.

PE will take place and preferably will be held outside. Children will need to attend school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Children will need to wear trainers, green shorts or jogging bottoms and their white house t-shirt. They will also need a plain green sweatshirt. Most PE will take place outside where possible. I respectfully remind you that it is not an out of uniform day and children will need to attend in the correct kit. *If your child is attending a club they can wear PE kit on that day, even if it is not their usual PE day for ease and minimisation of contact until further notice.*



A reminder of these as below:

*Reception children can come to school in appropriate sportswear as we understand that they haven't got school PE kit this year due to PE being different in Reception as part of Physical Development.

RP	Monday*	2P	Friday
RG	Monday*	3W	Thursday
1M	Thursday	3G	Thursday
1R	Thursday	4A	Friday
2S	Wednesday	4SB	Friday

What do I do if my child is ill?

Please do not send children to school who are feeling poorly. Contact the office and let them know that you are keeping them off school. If your child has any of the Covid 19 symptoms you must get them tested as soon as possible and keep them isolated until the result is confirmed. If the test is positive you must let school know straight away. A decision will then be made as to which children/ classes / staff need to self isolate. If this leads to an outbreak, the

school would then need to close. Therefore we would ask that parents exercise maximum caution and are mindful of the impact attendance of unwell children could have on the community.

Face Masks

We will be asking that parents and carers continue to be mindful to limit the number of people coming to collect children from school, where possible this should be one parent. We ask that face masks are worn on the playground unless individuals are medically exempt from wearing them. In school staff will wear face masks for arrival, dismissal and in central areas of the building (staffroom, school offices and corridors) as a heightened measure to minimise transmission.

School Uniform

Please see message about school uniform [here](#). We currently have 2 stockists parents can use, as well as supermarkets and high street stores. These are [Bradspots](#) and [Crested](#). Please don't worry if your child has outgrown anything, just send them back initially on 8th March dressed in as suitable school attire as possible, until you are able to organise or receive delivery of new uniform and shoes. Please don't abuse this and only do so if necessary. Just to also let parents know about a [Bilbrook and Codsall local swap shop](#) on Facebook too.

Summer Uniform

Typically children return to school in Summer dresses and shorts etc (Summer Uniform) after the Easter break at the start of the Summer Term. If it helps parents economically to do so and weather is kind, children can wear Summer uniform as soon as parents wish for their child to.

Presentation

Please ensure children attend with no nail polish on nails and with long hair tied up. We often find after a holiday or a time apart that we have a resurgence of head lice and by keeping your child's hair tied up you can avoid your child becoming infested. It is also beneficial for learning and play when your child's hair is tied up and out of their eyes.

World Book Day and Masked Readers

We hope your child enjoyed World Book Day. Since letting parents know about the downloadable vouchers we have received physical vouchers in school and so these will be sent home during w/b 8th March to all families too. See pics of staff at end of newsletter!



We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the Masked Reader competition. Please enter your letters denoting which [staff member read each poem aloud on the form here](#) and we will announce our winners in my virtual worship next week with children. If you need a quick reminder of the masked face then Mr Gough has put a [quick recap together for you here](#). The competition is free to enter and each class will have one child who receives a £5 Amazon voucher should they match the right adults to the videos. In the event of more than one child in a class getting them all right, we will pick the successful names from a hat to choose who wins the prize. I recorded all of the videos with staff and even I find it tricky to remember who was who! Thank you to staff for getting involved with this!

3 more sleeps until we are all back together again!

Best wishes

Miss J Parker

Head Teacher

World Book Day 2021

