

## January 2019

### **Thank you!**

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome over the past few weeks. I am really enjoying my time at St. Nicholas.

On the days that I am not here, Mrs Leaf will be available if parents need to speak to someone about any concerns or issues.

### **Well Done**

Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 had very enjoyable dance workshops from Flex Dance this week. The sessions were based on 'The Greatest Showman' and the children really rose to the challenge of learning a routine to the music. Thank you to Miss Middleton for organising this.

We have very talented dancers!

### **Term Time Holidays**

The law on term time holidays was changed in 2013 and holidays taken in school time can no longer be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are rare and include the death of a parent or serious illness.

### **Children in Need**

Well done to everyone! The school raised an impressive £365.46. Thank you for taking part and supporting this worthy cause.

### **Attendance**

We are striving for a weekly attendance of at least 96%. Last week's attendance was 96.5%.

We are pleased with this, but our attendance so far this year is only 95.2%, which is disappointing.

We have recently been having a lot of children coming in late - 75 children last week. It is important that your child gets to school on time as 5 minutes late every day adds up to three days lost each year. 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks a year. Please help your child be punctual.

### **Reminder**

Work on the new gates at the Cottingham Road end of the drive has begun and Ashcourt have assured us that they will be operational in the next two weeks. The safety of our children is our priority and it is extremely important that car drivers are careful and park in the marked bays to keep our children safe.

From Monday, to ease congestion in a morning, we are introducing a staggered start to the school day. Instead of children waiting on the playground until the whistle is blown at 8.50, children can enter the school building through their normal door from 8.45 - 8.55. If the children arrive after this time they will have to go through the office. The cloakrooms and classrooms will be supervised by school staff.

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Dates

Monday 28 January	FS 2 visit to the Transport Museum
Thursday 31 January	Year 6 pupils to undertake IMPS training
Tuesday 12 February	Lab Rascals to work with Year 5 pupils
Friday 15 February	Years 3 and 4 visit to York's Chocolate Story
Friday 15 February	Break up for half term
Monday 25 February	School re-opens
Thursday 14 March	SATs meeting for Year 2 parents at 9.15am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 21 March	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents at 9.15am
Thursday 28 March	Open night 3.15 - 6.15pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	FS2 and KS1 - Easter Bonnet Parade - 9.15am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Assembly -9.15am
Friday 5 April	Break up for the Easter holidays
Tuesday 23 April	School re-opens for the Summer term
Monday 13 - Thursday 16 May	Year 6 SATs - all Year 6 children must be in school on these days as the tests cannot be taken at any other times.
Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May	Year 2 SATs
Friday 24 May	Break up for half term
Monday 3 June	School re-opens
Monday 10 June - Friday 14 June	Year 1 phonics screening takes place
Friday 19 July	Break up for the Summer holidays