

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Happy New Year and welcome back to school in 2020 – we hope that you all had a great holiday. The children have quickly settled back into school life and we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring term.

### **HET Maths Deep Dive**


The School Improvement Lead for HET visited us last month to carry out a deep dive into maths. He concluded that maths was a strength of the school and that children have many well planned opportunities to become fluent in all calculations and can reason and problem solve with numbers. He was also very impressed with the children's timetables knowledge, so thank you for supporting your children by practising these at home.

### **Top 10 Primary Schools in Hull**

We are very proud to announce that, for the second year running, we have ranked in the top 10 primary schools in Hull for attainment. We came 8<sup>th</sup> in the city. Thanks for all the hard work of the children, staff and parents.

### **Real Schools Guide**

We are also pleased to let you know that we featured in the Real Schools Guide, which you may have seen on the Hull Daily Mail website. We have ranked 14<sup>th</sup> out of all the primary schools in Hull. All areas, such as pupil attainment and progress, came out well, apart from attendance. We would ask if you can support us further with this. Our aim is to improve our attendance to 96% which is the national figure for good attendance. Please try to ensure your child comes to school every day and aims to achieve the best attendance possible. This also teaches them the value of consistency and punctuality from an early age. Your child can miss out on vital lessons if they miss school, which in turn can have an impact on their overall attainment.



SCHOOL NAME	
ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL	
LOCAL AUTHORITY	
KINGSTON UPON HULL, CITY OF	
RATING	*****
OVERALL	62/100
RANK	1,635/14,749
ATTAINMENT	*****
ATTAINMENT FOR ALL	*****
PROGRESS	*****
ATTENDANCE	*****

### **Absence Reporting**

So that our school may follow national safeguarding guidelines, please find below the school policy on how you should proceed when your child is either absent.

- A telephone call should be made to school before 9.15am on the morning of each day's absence.
- If a telephone call is not received and a child is absent without the school's prior knowledge, the school will telephone the parent/ carer/ other contacts asking for confirmation of the child's absence. By operating this system, we aim to ensure that children who have left home, have arrived safely in school.
- Upon your child's return to school, a written and signed confirmation, explaining the absence is required. *We may have received a telephone call from you to advise of your child's absence, but a signed document from the parent is a statutory requirement.* These written records are required to be available for scrutiny when called upon by the School Nursing Team, Ofsted or the Educational Welfare Service. Should your child's absence last more than 5 consecutive days, please also provide supporting medical evidence; this medical evidence may take the form of prescriptions, appointment cards/texts etc.

### **Car Park**

Thank you to everyone who has been parking off site and walking to school. Just a reminder that parking on site is only permitted if you hold a blue badge and have registered it with the school office. Due to the top gates being open, our car park has been a lot busier recently and this at times, has become very dangerous again. The Ashcourt gates will be back in service very soon, so only registered blue badge holders will be permitted. If you do not hold a blue badge and attempt to access the site, you will be asked to park elsewhere. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 trip to The Hull & East Riding Museum
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 I.M.P.S training
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	FS2 trip to The Secret Village
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.10am – 9.30am stay and read
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day & Travelling Book Fair
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Parents' evening – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.15pm Easter assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am FS 2 & Year 1 Easter bonnet parade down Newland Avenue. Years 2 – 6 Decorated egg competition
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Children return to school