



# St Nicholas Primary School

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## Newsletter – November 2023

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you all had a relaxing half term break. It is hard to believe that we are now in the run up to Christmas, we have some exciting things planned for this half term. The children have had a great start and we are proud of the hard work they have put in and the achievements they have made so far.

### Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We are pleased to say we are taking part in this year's 'Children in Need', which will provide our children with a unique and fun opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children who are less fortunate. This year we are encouraging our children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring any loose change to put on Pudsey. [Children in Need Just Giving](#)



### Attendance

Thank you for your efforts so far in supporting our push on improving attendance. As we all know, regular attendance is strongly linked to children achieving well in school, they have opportunities to engage with the curriculum, ask questions and seek help when needed. Consistent attendance sets the foundation for a strong education journey.

### Did you know?

- 1 – Missing just a few days of school each term can add up to significant learning gaps.
- 2 – Chronic absenteeism in primary school is often a predictor of future dropout rates.
- 3 – Regular attendance is a shared responsibility among parents, children and the school community.

We were very lucky to have lots of suggestions from the most recent parent forum and we have already put some of their ideas in place. We welcome any views on how we can continue to raise our attendance

### Timings for the school day

School Start Time	8.50am
School Finish Time	3.15pm



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### **PE Kits**

Please can you ensure that children have their PE kits in school and available for their PE days. These will be on their class newsletters. During the colder weather months, children may wear a black, unbranded tracksuit. We would also like to remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery for school.



### **Parent Governors**

Following on from the recent Parent Governor Election, we would like to thank everyone who was nominated and those who voted. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Rachael Dixon has been re-elected and will continue in her role as parent governor. Mrs Dixon will be joined by Mr Kevin Fallin, who we warmly welcome to the St Nicholas Governing body.

### **Parent Forum**



Thank you for a wonderful turnout to our latest parent forum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It was a great opportunity to share ideas and suggestions with parents. We were able to discuss a wide range of topics and put ideas together which will benefit our whole school community. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the minutes from this meeting is now available on the parents section of the school website. [Parent Forum Meeting October 2023](#)

### **School Money**

We would like to remind you of the importance of managing your child's school meal payments and checking their School Money account. Paying for school meals is a fundamental part of our school's operation, and your prompt and consistent payments are greatly appreciated. If you are struggling to pay them please come and speak to the school office and we can offer some support and advice.

### **After School Club**

Reminder: There will be no afterschool club available on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, due to staff training taking place. You will not be able to book for this day on SchoolMoney.



### **E – Safety Workshops**

In our increasingly digital world, the safety and well-being of our children online are of paramount importance. To ensure that our children and families are well – informed and equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape safely, we are excited to announce two e safety workshops. This is to support parents in navigating around the internet – looking at apps , online privacy, social media etiquette, gaming etc. We hope to see you there.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm – FS2 & KS1 E-Safety Parent Workshop

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm – KS2 E-Safety Parent Workshop

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### **Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates**



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (full days) – Y6 Bikeability  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm – FS2 & KS1 E-Safety Parent Workshop  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm – KS2 E-Safety Parent Workshop  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Paintbox (Warter) Trip  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Badminton Festival  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Y5 & Y6 Child Exploitation Workshop  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – White Ribbon Day  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm – Parents Stay & Christmas Craft



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 6 Jorvik Trip  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccine Catch up session  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am – FS2 Nativity  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10am – KS1 Nativity  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 4.30pm – KS2 Carol Concert  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Party Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 3.15pm – Finish for the Christmas holidays



School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (8.45am)

Further information on tickets for the Christmas plays and concert will be sent out nearer the time – thank you.

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