

ST NICHOLAS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TERM 2



Welcome back

Welcome to Term 2!

Our first week was filled with exciting activities and new discoveries.

This week began with launching our updated Vision and Values. Each term we will be focusing on a different value - this term is STRIVE.

The children will be asked on Friday to think about something they would like to STRIVE to achieve over the coming weeks, what support they may need to be successful and the importance in believing in themselves.



We have updated our behaviour policy to ensure clarity, consistency and alignment to the updated school vision. Children have the following expectations displayed in their learning spaces as reminders that everyone, including adults, should be Ready, Respectful and Safe!

We look forward to a fantastic Term 2 leading up to Christmas!

Mrs Forghani

ATTENDANCE

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that term time holidays will not be authorised. Nationally, Headteachers are not permitted to approve term-time holidays except in genuine exceptional circumstances and consider each application individually before making a decision. The law clearly expects Headteachers to enforce these penalties strictly.

We know that sometimes your child will not be able to attend school due to illness. Please ensure you let school know of your child's absence by emailing school or calling the schools main office.

If you have any questions around school attendance, please speak to

Mrs Walkinshaw our Attendance Lead

ARBOR

We are going to be using ARBOR as our main database in school. We are currently in the process of switching over to the new system. Towards the end of November you will receive an email to give you access to ARBOR.

This will be your one-stop-shop for letters, communication, clubs, trips and much, much more.

We will continue to use Class DOJO to celebrate children's work and share key messages.

DIARY DATES

30th Oct - Glow Disco

10th Nov - Antibullying Odd Sock day - children can wear odd socks with their uniform

11th-12th Nov - Parents evening - a form is available on Class DoJo to complete

14th Nov - Children in Need - Children to come to school in PJ's and Onsies £1 donation to charity

We will share Christmas events on the next newsletter

Vision and Values

Over the past few weeks we have been fine tuning our School Vision keeping the parable of the Mustard Seed at the heart .

“With faith as small as a mustard seed we become STARS, nothing is impossible” – Matthew 17:20

Our Values are STAR - to Strive, Trust, Achieve and Respect.

Just as the mustard seed grows from the smallest seed into the greatest of trees, we believe at St Nicholas every child holds the potential to grow, shine and flourish into something great. At our school we nurture that God-given potential- spiritually, academically and personally – so that every child may become a STAR – to Strive, Trust, Achieve and Respect.

We encourage all parents to ask their children how they have been ‘STARS’ today at school to support the school’s ethos.



UNIFORM

At Nicholas we pride ourselves on how smart our children look in their school uniform.

Please support your child by ensuring they are wearing the following:

Royal blue jumper or cardigan
White polo shirt or shirt
School tie (these can be bought from the office)
Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress
Blue and white checked dresses can be worn in the summer.

PE

White plain t-shirt
Blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms
Blue or black jumper

Please ensure all uniform is **named**.
Jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studs which **must be removed** for PE.

YOUTH CLUB CAR PARK

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

Due to several recurring incidents of rudeness towards Medway Council Youth Staff by some parents of children at our school, the Council has made the decision to lock the gates to their car park.

This is extremely disappointing, as I’m sure you will agree. We are all role models for our children, and as a school, we work hard to build and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Please ensure that if you are parking in local side streets, this is done considerately and safely to avoid any further complaints and to ensure the safety of our children as they walk to and from school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

LONDON ROAD GATE UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey regarding accessing school via London Road gate due to safeguarding concerns. The consensus agreed that the best approach moving forward would be that the gate will be open for main drop off and pick up times only.

8:30-8:50

3:10-3:30

This will mean if your child attends breakfast club or an after school club they will need to be collected via the main school gate.

Please note these are the same times for our main school gate also.