



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

May 5th 2017

Term: 5

Week: 2

Mrs Smith's Message

I spent last weekend at the Headteachers' conference in Telford. It was great to spend time with other colleagues all committed to raising standards of education for the children of our country but it has also left me feeling very concerned for the future of education. It is true that funding for education is at its highest ever but that is because there are more children in our education system, not because there is more money available per child. There are many extra costs that our school has had to cope with regarding rising employee costs, apprentice levies and rising costs of equipment without any extra income from the government. The net result for this coming year is that our school will no-longer be able to afford Place2Be from September 2017. Whilst many of your children may not have had 1:1 support from this service many of the children visit Annie on an ad-hoc basis for support with worries they have. The mental health of your children is very important to us and we are concerned how we will ensure that they receive what is needed as we are not trained to offer what is actually a health service, any more than a Doctor is trained to help your child with maths when they are struggling! Currently we are managing to maintain our staffing levels but I think that this will be difficult to maintain in the coming years. Austerity measures were needed but your children are our future and I for one believe they deserve more than they are being promised. If you have the opportunity to speak to potential candidates please raise your concerns about education with them. I raised mine with Jeremy Corbyn on Sunday and I would have done the same to the Conservative Education Secretary Justin Greening if she had attended the appointment she had with us! I am looking forward to having breakfast with the year 6 pupils before their SATS next week. They have all worked so hard and deserve to do well. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



House Points

Tyning	63
Ludlow	51
Huish	38
Foxcote	37

Class Attendance

Avon	100%
Tone	100%
Yeo	99.4%
Frome	98.0%
Brue	97.1%
Somer	95.9%
Severn	95.2%
Dart	92.4%
Kennet	92.3%

Save the Date

Please make a note of the following dates:

Monday 8th May: Y3 Avon Bath Fashion Museum Visit.

+ Y6 SAT's Week.

Tuesday 9th May: Tuesday tea with Mrs Smith: 9.00am.

+ Y5 Yeo Parents' Event

Thursday 11th May: Y4 Kennet Parents' Event 2.00-3.00pm.

Friday 12th May: KS2 Celebration.

Friday 19th May: KS1 Celebration Assembly.

Wednesday 24th May: Y5 Yeo Parents' Lunch 12.00-1.00pm.

+ Rivers Nine Café: 3:15pm, Avon, Frome, and Tone cakes.

Thursday 25th May: Spirit of St Nicholas: 9.05am.

+ Arts morning with a Picnic Lunch: 9.30-1.00pm.

Friday 26th May: Last Day of Term 5.

Monday 5th June: Term 6 Starts.

Thursday 8th June: Summer Fayre: 2:00-5:30pm.

Friday 9th June: Yr2 Dart Parents' even: 9:00-10:00am.

+ KS2 Celebration Assembly.

Census Day Free School Meals

As you are aware all of the children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every year.

What you won't be aware of is that the school is not paid for all of these meals unless your child has a meal on census day. The school is paid for meals based on the average number of children having school meals on these days – this means that if 50 children have a meal on census days but 100 children have meals on the other days we only receive the money for 50 of the children taking the meals each day! This has cost our school approximately £10,000 this year (more than a teaching assistant costs us.) Think how much equipment we could have bought with that money! The next census day is on **Thursday May 18th 2017**. On that day we will be booking every child a meal who is entitled to one and offer it to your child. If you are worried that your child will not eat the lunch please feel free to send a packed lunch as well. If they don't eat their lunch we will offer them the packed lunch – if they do they can take their lunch home for tea!

On census day the choice for dinner will be

Fish-fingers OR Sausages with chips, beans and salad followed by ice-cream OR jelly. I hope we can depend on your support in this matter.

Outside School Achievements



Jack - Rainbow 5m Swimming Badge & Stage 1 Learn To Swim Award.

Happily Ever After

Wednesday 24th—Sunday 28th May

Ages 6+

“The queen is growing impatient. Her lazy son will never be king until he grows up, gets married and starts acting like one. She invites hundreds of princesses from across the land, hoping to find the perfect bride for the prince, but he isn’t impressed by any of them. Then one day a princess arrives accompanied by her brother... Created by **Action Transport Theatre** and **The Proud Trust**, Happily Ever After is inspired by Dutch children’s book **King and King** by *Linda De Haan and Stern Nijland* – which tells the story of two princes who fall in love and live happily ever after. This ground-breaking show has toured to over 50 primary schools across the UK, delighting and captivating both children and teachers. Happily Ever After uses ATT’s trade-mark highly visual, wordless storytelling and comedy clowning. The unique creative collaboration with **The Proud Trust** means the show has expert wrap-around activities and resources for teachers and venues challenging homophobia and promoting diversity.”

Wednesday - Friday: 10am & 1pm Saturday - Sunday: 11.30am & 3pm **Running Time:** 45 minutes (+ 45 minute post show workshop for schools Weekdays only)

Adults: £8.50 **Children & Students:** £7.50 **Schools/ Groups:** £6.50 (Weekdays only) 11th ticket FREE for every 10 booked Booking fee of 50p – applies to all tickets.

For further details and to book your tickets: james.moore@theatreroyal.org.uk egg theatre reception : 01225 823409

A Time To Talk



In each class ask your child about:

Frome/Tone: What does a seed need to grow?

Somer: Can you count forwards and backwards in tens from any two digit number?

Dart/Brue: What information can you find about the house you live in?

Avon: In which C20th decade were flares fashionable?

Kennet: What do you know about the Shang dynasty?

Yeo: What do you know about latitude and longitude?

Drop Off Zone

There are some parents who are still using the drop of zone incorrectly. Please be reminded that cars should use the drop off zone to allow their child to get out of the car and walk into school independently and not as a parking space. Please also remember to be courteous to other users of the drop of zone as aggressive or rude behaviour will not be tolerated. We need to be setting a good example to the children who come to our school. If you need to bring your child into school then you should use alternative parking and walk them into the school grounds. Thank you to all of the parents who use the drop off zone correctly every day.

YouTube

It has been brought to our attention that some children in school have been scaring their peers by telling them about clips and games they have seen on You Tube. These games and clips are not appropriate for children to be watching or playing. Please be vigilant about the things your child is accessing online and the computer games they are playing.

French Assembly

Well done to the children in Year 3 and 4 who performed their French songs in assembly on Wednesday. A big ‘merci beaucoup’ to Madame Morris who has been teaching the children and all the parents who attended.

C’était formidable!

Class Awards

	Star of the week	Maths Magician	Wizard Writer
Frome	Kyran	Milo	Bella
Tone	Zachary	Alfie	Hollie
Somer	Alfie	Jacob	Felix
Dart	Summer	Alfie	Meghan
Brue	William	Kezia	Avalee