



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

January 12th 2018

Term: 3

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Mrs Smith's Message

A lovely week, with the children really settling down to their work. Behaviour across the school is very good and the children need to be congratulated for this.

Thank you to everyone for helping me with the parking in the drop off area, it has been so much better this week. I really appreciate this as I hate having to be on 'traffic warden duty' - I would much rather be greeting you and talking to the children as they arrive!

It is good to see more of the children in Key Stage 1 taking up the free meals option. Families save at least £500 per year if their child has the free meal compared to providing a packed lunch from home.

We are very sorry to hear that Radstock Nursery is going to close, we have worked very closely with them since they arrived on site having been locked out of another local school. There are some rumours circulating that the nursery is having to close because of the rents we charge. We do not own the buildings and therefore do not charge the nursery anything for being there.

More good news. We have made the decision to use some of the money we raise as a staff to pay for clubs after school for this term. We hope that this will encourage more of you to persuade your children to join the clubs. We will not always be able to do this as money is tight so please take advantage of it now!

Thank you to everyone for continuing to ensure pupils are smartly dressed.

Please can I remind everyone that children must have school shoes which should be black or PLAIN black trainers—which have black soles.

We had a really fun time with Jim Gump today. He is a truly inspirational man—I am sure the children will tell you all about it and will be keen to try out some of his ideas.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Nicki Smith



House Points

	This week	—Overall
Huish	29	798
Foxcote	25	831
Tyning	36	855
Ludlow	34	650

Class Attendance

Kennet	99.1%
Avon	98.6%
Tone	97.0%
Yeo	95.2%
Frome	94.7%
Mells	94.5%
Dart	94.0%
Severn	93.2%
Somer	90.0%

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 day. 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 18th January 2018**. 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 lunch will be sausages or fish fingers with chips or a vegetarian option of Cheese pin wheel, Dessert will be chocolate crunch.

Save the Date

Please make a note of the following dates:

Tuesday 16th January:

9-10am: Yr1 Somer Family Event

Wednesday 17th January:

Yr5-6 Swimming Gala

Thursday 18th January:

9-10 am Avon and Mells Family Event

Friday 19th January:

8:55am KS2 Celebration

Tuesday 23rd January:

9-10am: Tone Family Event

Yeo Trip to @Bristol

Friday 26th January:

9-10am: Severn Family Event

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Monday 29th January:

INSET Day

Tuesday 30th January:

8:45am Tuesday Tea with Mrs Smith

CHESS

Exciting news! Ferdo, who teaches the Year 3's chess, is once again running a **FREE lunch time** club for up to 30 children Years 3-6. If your child is interested please sign up in the main reception.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a concern as we are not reaching our target of 98%. All parents/carers of pupils whose attendance is under 95% will be sent a letter and closely monitored over the coming terms.

If your child is not in school you will need to call the office and state exactly what is wrong with them. "Not well" is not acceptable as we need to know if we have an epidemic of a certain type of illness.

Letters have also been sent out where pupils have been late on several occasions. These pupils will again be closely monitored over the coming terms. When giving reason why they are late please do not put "late" as we need a reason why.

We understand that it can, at times, be difficult to get your children to school on time every day. If you feel you need additional support in this area please let us know.

Alert Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assemblies will now be held first thing on Friday Mornings at 8:55 - 9:25am rather than 2:30pm in the afternoon.

A Time To Talk



In each class ask your child about:

Frome/Tone (R): What soft and hard things can you find at home?

Somer/Tone (1): Can you retell "Mary and the twelve months"?

Dart: How many numbers can you halve exactly between 20 and 30?

Avon/Mells: What is mummification?

Kennet: What is the heaviest weight ever lifted by a human?

Yeo: How big is the Earth, Sun and Moon?

Severn: What different types of fronted adverbials are there?

Scoot to School

Scoot days are:

Every Tuesday break-time:
Years 1&2.

Every Friday break-time:
Years 3-6.

Please don't forget your helmets!

Time to Pray

All welcome to join us Tuesdays 8:45-9:15am in the school library to pray for the school and community.

See Jane Van Haaps or just turn up if interested.

Thanks

KS2 ONLY

School Meals Term 3

Prices for School Dinners for Term 3 will be:

Mondays £10.00

Tuesdays £15.00

Wednesdays £15.00

Thursdays £15.00

Fridays £15.00

Everyday £70.00

*Please remember to deduct any trips or events when paying in.

If your child would like school meals everyday you are welcome to pay in one £70.00 payment, or if you prefer, send in weekly £12.50 payments on Mondays for the week ahead. Cheques payable to BANES.

Please note that if you fail to keep up with dinner money payments, you will be asked to send your child in with packed lunches until the balance is cleared.

Thank you

CLUB	DAY	TIME	PRICE
Y6 Boosters	Mon	3.35pm-4.45pm	By invitation only
Cookery Club Reception/1/2 Mrs Warde	Mon	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 10
DT Club 3/4/5 Mr Patch	Mon	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 12
Arts & Craft Club 3/4/5 Miss Parrott	Mon	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 8
Y6 Boosters	Tues	3.35pm-4.45pm	By invitation only
Football 3/4/5 Terry Webb	Tues	3.35pm-4.45pm	FOC
Netball Club 3/4/5 Sarah Cox	Tues	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 30
Glee Music & Drama Club 2/3/4/5/6 Leah Brady	Wed	3.35pm-4.15pm	FOC Max - 20
Tag Rugby Club 3/4/5/6 Mr C	Wed	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 20
Running Club 3/4/5/6 Miss McAvoy	Wed	3.35pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 15
Rugbytots Reception/1 Paul Hurley	Thurs	3.30pm-4.30pm	FOC Max - 15
Football Reception/1/2 Terry Webb	Fri	3.00pm-3.45pm	FOC Max - 16