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Welcome to the new families joining us this week and welcome back to our existing families. We hope that you have all had a happy and restful summer break. The children have bounced in today with bundles of energy and big smiles all round. Our new Badgers settled quickly and loved their new large conservatory.

This year Newsletters will continue to be on sway in this format and you can find copies of the [Newsletters on the school website.](#)

## Can you help us spread the word?

As you are aware there are falling birthrates locally and this is putting a huge squeeze on school budgets. We are so proud of our amazing school and feel that we offer something very special but many new parents say that they simply don't know that we are here.

It is vital that we work together to spread the word about St Nicholas to ensure the future of the school. Please share our Facebook and Instagram posts on social media and encourage family and friends to come and visit the school if they have preschool children.

We now have a new Booking system on our Website where prospective families can [Book a Tour](#) at a time that works for them. Also, we would really appreciate those of you who are on local community pages and Mumsnet to be selling the school/sharing the school website and pages when people are actively searching for schools. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Skillful term



This term we are learning to be **skillful** Global Explorers.

*What does being Skillful mean?*

- Effective Communication- speaking clearly, with good volume and pronunciation.

- Wide Vocabulary- learning new words and stories
- Use technology safely
- Developing play for participation in Sport.
- Good table manners- particularly use of a knife and fork.
- Learning to be more independent.

We would also like all our children in Key Stage 2 to learn how to tie their shoe laces. A reminder- please do not send your child to school with shoes that have laces until they are confident in doing them up confidently.

## PE days

Hedgehog, Hare, Fox and Owl Class should all come to school in full PE kit on their PE days.

Badgers come to school in PE kit on Thursday only and should have an Indoor PE kit that stays in school all term.

# PE days- come to school in PE kit

Badger- Thursday\*  
Hedgehog- Monday and Thursday  
Hares- Wednesday and Friday  
Fox- Wednesday and Thursday  
Owls- Wednesday and Friday

\*Badger class should have an indoor PE kit in school all week.

## Uniform



It was fantastic to see the children coming to school today in their smart new uniforms today. Please continue to refer to the Uniform Policy for any queries and to check the Uniform Swap Shop outside of Mrs Hill's office for any second hand uniform requirements.

For those of you who may have had a clear out of uniform over the summer please can we ask that you donate any clean and unstained uniform (particularly branded uniform) to the school by adding to the boxes in the Uniform Swap Shop. That way we can continue to ensure our uniform is more sustainable and affordable for all.

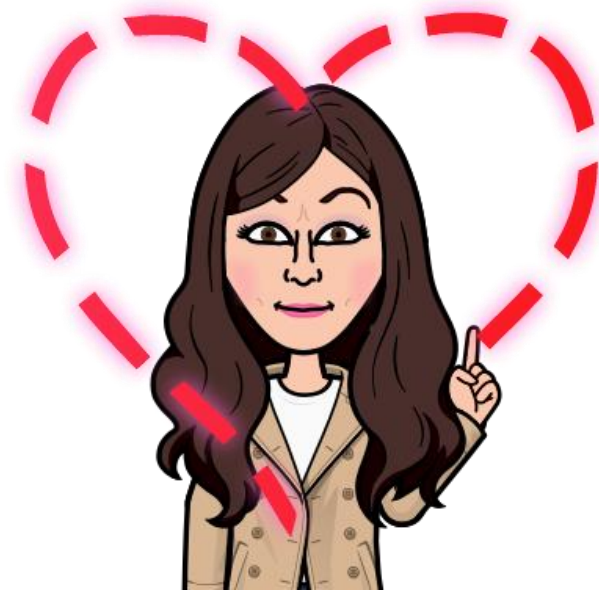
### [School Uniform Policy](#)



There should no longer be any bustard items coming into school and this includes the book bags.

### After School Routines

We are lucky to have a very large site with lots of lovely outdoor space for our children to enjoy. At the end of the day when you are collecting please can you ensure that your children are being respectful to the Badger garden and After school club garden. These are learning spaces and we ask you not to let your children or pre-school children to play in these areas or move the resources. After school parents and children are welcome to stay and socialise on the bottom field until 15:30 (unless required by Sports Club) and children can use the play trail only if supervised by an adult.



## Parking and Drop off



In the morning Parents who are dropping off can begin to wait on the yellow lines with their hazards on from 08:25. No one should be parked on the yellow lines before this time.

There are road works which have closed the road to Idmiston happening this week so please take your time when dropping off in the morning. We are extremely busy at 08:30 by 08:37 most cars have gone and your child is still on time for school.

Please ensure you drive with care, attention and patience during this time. Once the road has reopened we ask that you continue to adhere to our voluntary one way system through Idmiston village after dropping off at school as this ensures as much as possible that there is a good flow of traffic and increases safety for our families who are walking.

At the end of the day only parents with a disabled badge clearly displayed should be parking on the double yellow lines.

### **For our new parents**

Options for parents are as follows:

1. Park at the village hall and walk down the road (mornings only)
2. Drop off in car - queuing on yellow lines with hazards on from 08:25. An adult will then help your children from the car and you can then drive on through the village of Idmiston.
3. Park in small car park beyond the school on the right hand side
4. Park on Idmiston road- ensuring that passing places and driveways are not blocked

## Contact Details and Learn More About St Nicholas School

We love to hear from our parents with any feedback you have for us, what you feel we are doing well and what you would like to hear more about. Please direct any questions or feedback to [Office@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk](mailto:Office@stnicholas.dsat.org.uk)

How else can I learn more about my child's school and their learning? Take a look at our website and social media!

### **St Nicholas Primary School**

[St Nicholas Website](#)

[St Nicholas Primary Facebook page](#)

[St Nicholas Instagram](#)

We have an open door policy at St Nicholas and welcome parents to come and talk to either the teachers, Ms Glover, Mrs Waddington or myself if you ever have any questions, queries or concerns. It really is the best way for us to work together for your child and we really value the opportunity to hear from you and to work with you. Feel free to call or email to arrange a meeting or for smaller issues just grab us at the start of the day when you see us.

