



St Nicholas' CE Primary School

"Let all you do be done with Love." 1 COR 16:14

Term 3 Christian Value is: Perseverance Big Idea is: Resilience

Friday 19th January 2024

Issue 9

This term in worship we have been listening to stories from the Bible about '**People Who Jesus Meets.**' We have been following Jesus' life from his Birth to their flight to Egypt, the Presentation in the temples where he met Simeon and Anna and this week we learned that when Jesus was 12 he visited the temple and was asking the scholars questions. We reflected on how important questions are to use in both improving our own knowledge about the world but also when standing up to injustice and prejudice.

It is an important part of being a Global Explorer to be **Aspirational**. Today, we had a very special worship from Lauren Vipond all about Reading. Lauren is an ex-pupil at the school and came to take a survey on pupil's views about reading in KS2 as well as sharing with the children why reading is so important. It was fantastic to hear about all the amazing books that children have been enjoying reading.

Today we named our **DSAT teddy bear**. The children have voted and it will be called **WILLOW**. We are thrilled with this name and the way it reflects back to our logo as our symbol for belonging. Willow will help to remind the children that they all belong to the DSAT family and as well as the St Nicholas family.



Cold Weather

As the cold weather continues please ensure your child comes to school every day with a **warm winter coat**, gloves and hat. They may also want to wear vests or base layers to keep them warm especially when doing PE.

Staff News

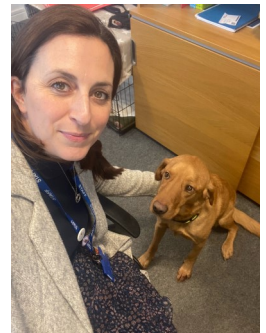
We are sad to share the news that Mrs Portwain has made the decision to retire at the end of February. She is very sad to be leaving the St Nicholas team but is looking forward to spending more time with her family. We wish Mrs Portwain all the best and know that she will stay in touch. We will be looking at ensuring continued support in Squirrel class over the next term.

School Dog

Finn has loved coming to have his settling in days over the last couple of weeks. He has been doing brilliantly at coming in calmly and is now used to his crate in Mrs Hill's office. He has met staff with a very waggy tail and then sat at their feet or gone back to his crate for a rest. Children have enjoyed seeing him through the door to Mrs Hill's office and are excited to get to start meeting him properly over the coming weeks.

All children have had Finn's rules shared with them and are learning how to be calm around dogs. Many of our children already own dogs and proudly tell what to do and what not to do around them.

If your child has an allergy to dogs and it is your preference that your child not have contact with Finn then please email the school office to let us know.



Parent Consultations

These will be taking place next week on **Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th**. We hope that you have been able to log on and sign up for your appointments times. Apologies for the fact that it did not go live quite when we anticipated it to... we are still learning how to use the new system. If there are any issues with logging on or booking appointments, please let us know asap via the office. It is very important that all parents attend these meetings, this is the second of two parent consultations during the year before the end of year report in the summer. Please be aware that this meeting is only 10 minutes long and is to discuss your own child's academic progress and learning attitudes. Mrs Hill will as usual also be available on the night for any general questions or queries that you may have. Ms Glover checks the school emails after hours on these days so if at the last minute you are not able to attend your appointment please email the office so that we can inform teachers and they are not left waiting.

ECO Warriors+ Express yourself day

This week the Eco Warriors Hattie and Emily held a worship on Endangered Animals. On the last day of term—Friday 9th February the Eco Warriors in year 6 are organising a Teddy sale to raise money to adopt a red panda from Marwell Zoo.

From Monday 4th February children can bring in teddies or soft toys that they no longer require (only clean and good condition please) to donate to the sale. All teddies will then be sold for 50p each. This will also be the same day as Express Yourself Day which we held last year and we will send more details out about this nearer the time.



Important Reminders:

Upcoming Diary Dates:

January:

23rd and 25th Parent Consultations

February

5th-9th Children's Mental Health Week

9th Open Afternoon+ Teddy Sale+ Express yourself day

9th Last Day of Term

19th Return to School Term 4

March

13th Year 3/4 Tag Rugby (teams to be selected)

21st March Year 4/5 Orienteering (teams to be selected)

26th Creative Day

27th Last day of Term 4 _ Year 5/6 tag rugby (teams to be selected)

28th TD day school closed

April

15th Return to School Term 5