



St Nicks Weekly News

Friday 17th November 2023



A huge thank you to all for taking part today in our sponsored fun run obstacle course and non school uniform day to raise money for Children In Need. If you can, and wish to make a donation, please sign up using the school code B386 and begin collecting sponsors:

<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/beverley-st-nicholas-primary-school>

Anyone who collects over £10 in sponsors will get a special Pudsey medal 🏆

Headteachers Message

A huge thank you to you as a community for being so supportive following the tragic death of Alfie, I am sure that his family are very grateful for all of your support.

Thank you to all of you for wearing your odd socks on Monday – this week we have focused on Anti-Bullying Week. We have also been celebrating Maths Week England. Today all I can hear from Tiger Class is various different songs with the number three in them!

It has been really lovely to see you all in school this week for parent consultations. Apologies for having had to cancel some of the appointments, these have all now been rearranged for dates next week. If you haven't managed to arrange a parent consultation appointment please do contact us and we will sort one out for you. These appointments have been a great chance for us to share your child's achievements with you and discuss ways in which we can work together to support them.

Next week we have a number of sporting activities coming up. We have athletics, football and scootering! Our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children will have the opportunity to learn to scooter from the experts! I am really looking forward to seeing them in action.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 30th November Friends Wreath Making Evening
- Tuesday 5th December – FS Stay and Christmas Crafts at 11.30am
- Thursday 7th December – KS1 Stay and Christmas 11.00am-12.00pm
- Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas performance PM
- Wednesday 13th December – FS2 performance AM
- Thursday 14th December – KS1 performance PM
- Friday 15th December – KS1 to panto
- Monday 18th December - Rudolph charity run
- Monday 18th December – Friends of the School Disco
- Tuesday 19th December – KS2 to panto AM
- Wednesday 20th December – KS2 performance at the Minster 4.00pm
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner day
- Friday 22nd December – Finish for Christmas

Flu Vaccinations will now take place on Tuesday 28th November in school.

School Dinner Menu WC -13/11/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce	Tasty cheesy ham Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & Gravy	Shepherd's pie Gravy	Breaded Fish Square & Tomato Sauce
Rice Mixed Vegetables Crusty bread	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & peas	Oven Roast Potatoes Broccoli & Baby Carrots	Green Beans & sweetcorn	Chunky Chips Garden Peas Baked beans Fresh bread
Chocolate Crunch & Custard	Melting Moment & Mandarins	Chocolate Sponge, peaches & Cream	Waffle, Ice cream & Jam Sauce	Lemon Drizzle Muffin
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Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt

Alfie Walmsley Go Fund me page

As many of you are aware Alfie Walmsley - an ex St Nicks pupil - tragically died on the 11th November following a fatal asthma attack. Alfie completed all of his primary education with us and was a much loved member of the community. All of the staff who worked with him have shared with me what a lovely young man he was.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time and we will do everything in our power to support them. As part of this we have been asked to share a go fund me page which has been set up to help towards funeral costs. Please do consider donating if you are able to.

<https://gofund.me/c75ac9a8>




Beverley Minster Christmas Tree

 Our Christmas tree that will be available to view in the Beverley Minster from Friday 1st December 2023.

 Families are encouraged to pop along to the Beverley Minster tree festival running from 1st-10th December and please remember to vote for our tree.

 Thank you!






Payments

*Please can we kindly ask that school meals are paid for in advance to stop ParentPay accounts falling into arrears.

*If your child does music lessons please can we ask that the monthly payment of £50.00 is cleared as soon as possible.

*If you have a child in year 6 and they are going on the Robinwood residential 2024, please keep up to date with the payment instalments.

Attendance

We acknowledge some school absences cannot be avoided and recognise sensitive consideration is given when decisions are made for children not to attend school. The Local Authority and Government guidance is very clear in terms of term time holidays and unless exceptional circumstances can be evidenced, term time holidays will not be authorised and Penalty Notices may be relevant. Further information can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/schoolattendance-absence>.

The Government's national expectation is that attendance is above 96% - this is equivalent to 7 days absence in a year. The following table shows the number of days off for each equivalent %.

%	Days Absent
85	29 days off
86	27 days off
87	25 days off
88	23 days off
89	21 days off
90	19 days off
91	17 days off
92	15 days off
93	13 days off
94	11 days off
95	9 days off
96	7 days off
97	5 days off
98	4 days off
99	2 days off
100	0 days off

As a school we are working very hard to make sure children do not have gaps in their knowledge and understanding particularly in maths and English. Parents are reminded that they should not book holidays in term time as this has a significant effect on a child's progress.

School Attendance Target 2023/2024

Our target for attendance this year is 96%.

Evidence shows that good attendance is a key factor in enabling children to reach their potential. Our attendance has slowly been improving and we are committed to working with parents to achieve our target.

Absence during term time

The headteacher is unable to authorise absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances include occasions where the timing of an event is outside of your control, such as a close family wedding or funeral. Exceptional circumstances are events that are not going to occur again. In the overwhelming majority of cases, family holidays do not meet this criteria.

If there are exceptional circumstances, parents are asked to write to the headteacher, giving a full explanation of the exceptional circumstances and provide evidence to support your application. You will then be informed as to whether the absence can be authorised.

As a school, we follow the East Riding Policy and guidelines and will automatically be referring 10 or more unauthorised sessions (5 days) to the East Riding. A penalty notice and fine will then be issued.

As a school, we are working extremely hard to improve the educational experience for children in our school and to maximise their progress and learning. We ask that you continue to support us by ensuring that your children are in school during term time.

Requests for absence from school in exceptional circumstances and penalty notices

You are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure your child attends school regularly. If your child accrues 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence you may be liable for a penalty notice (one days absence equals two sessions and a five day absence is equal to 10 sessions).

An unauthorised absence is any absence that the headteacher has not given permission for or where an explanation has not been provided by the parents.

Parents must complete a request for absence from school in exceptional circumstances form and submit this to the school, allowing for sufficient time to enable the school to consider the request and inform parents of the decision.

Where parents do not follow the school's procedures of submitting a request and simply remove their child without seeking prior approval, a warning may not be given and you may be liable for a penalty notice.

If your request is declined or you do not follow the correct procedure and you still take your child out of school, each parent within your household may be issued with a £60 penalty notice for each child you have taken out of school. If a penalty notice remains unpaid after 21 days, it will increase to £120. If after 28 days it remains unpaid, you may be summonsed to appear before Magistrates to explain why your child has unauthorised school absences and you may be liable for a fine of up to £1000.

Absence through illness or medical appointments

If your child is ill, we ask that you please ring the office on the morning of their absence. If for any reason your child is not at school and we haven't received a message we will make a courtesy call home to you to ensure your child is safe.

Late arrivals

Our school day starts as soon as your child arrives and begins with the teaching of reading. Reading is our highest priority as this gives access to the full curriculum for your child and all of our staff are firmly committed to ensuring every child is 'a reader'.

If your child continues to arrive late to school, this opportunity is missed and is detrimental to their educational attainment and attendance levels. Low levels of school attendance impacts upon your child's school experience overall and this could develop into a significant barrier to their future options and career aspirations.

- **Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.**
- **Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.**
- **Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.**

Please be reassured we are here to help and would really appreciate contact from you in the event you may wish to discuss this with us. Working in partnership with our families is our focus and prioritising your child's education and wellbeing is our ultimate aim