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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:14-16



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Ready to learn, Prepared to flourish.

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Families,

Wow! What an incredible first 5 days of Summer Term we have had! It is wonderful to see and hear the children so happy in their learning and in their play – they certainly are shining brightly!

We have already enjoyed: a visit from 'Asda Steve', swimming, ice-slime, planting seeds, new clubs, games on the field at lunch time, lunches all together in the hall, new songs (and dances) in Collective Worship, opportunities to demonstrate times table knowledge ... and so much more! Our school really is buzzing with excitement and opportunities for everyone to flourish.

Keep your eyes peeled for up-coming events where you can come into school and celebrate your child's learning with them!

Attendance

As you know, the best way for children to reach their potential is for them to **be at school as often as possible**. We follow the Lincolnshire County Council policy on attendance, therefore taking any holiday during term time will be unauthorised.

This means that should you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday, you will incur a fine.

As you will all understand following your experiences of lockdown, missing time in school creates gaps in children's learning which are difficult to close. The impact of taking unauthorised holidays is no different. Your child/ren miss out on vital learning which is essential for their progress towards age-related expectations. When you choose to take your child/ren on an unauthorised term-time holiday, there is no way for them to 'catch-up'. Such absences create disadvantage; this is unfair on your child/ren, their ability to learn and on their mental health and wellbeing.

Please ensure that you are supporting your child to attend school every day (as long as they are well enough) so that they can reach their potential.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ring school on 01205 363 210 before 9:30am to inform us. Phones are manned from 8:30am – 4pm and there is also an answerphone for calls made before/ after these times.

So that school can ensure the safety of all of our children (and families), it is school policy for Mrs Bartram to follow up on all absences by making a call to the contact numbers held on the system. If there is no answer, Mrs Bartram may also leave a message, send a text/ email, ring an alternative contact or make a home visit. By law, all absence has to be recorded and we will report on this to you at the end of every term.

Covid-19

All updated guidance on how to respond to a confirmed case of Covid-19 can be found on our website here:

<https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-updates/>

ScholarPack Parent App

In order to protect the environment, we aim to be as paper-free as possible. The Scholarpack parent app is our main means of communicating with you – all letters, dates, upcoming events/ reminders and attendance percentages are sent through this free app.

If you do not have it yet, please see Mrs Bartram in the Main Office so she can support you in setting it up.

Home-learning

To further support your children to reach their potential, we really encourage you to help them complete their home-learning every week. The tasks include:

- Reading every day (minimum of 10 minutes)
- Y2 – Y6 Times Table Rockstar practise every day (minimum of 10 minutes) on-line
- Y1 White Rose 1-minute maths free app
- Spelling practise
- Read Write Inc (for those children accessing RWInc)
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School website: <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/>

Our school website has so much information on it – make sure you save the web address to your favourites so you can share in all that's happening!

Each class has its own space where information relating to their learning for the term is accessible along with helpful vocabulary and links to other sites. There is also the 'Contact the teacher' section where you are able to send a message/ question/ query directly to your child's class teacher and they will respond ASAP. You can find and explore each class page by clicking this link: <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/class-pages-2/>

Last term, members from across our school family helped to create a video about how we 'let our lights shine' to show to Bishop Nicholas when he visited. It's amazing and well worth a watch, you can access it here: <https://bostonstnicholas.primarysite.media/media/let-your-light-shine>

Twitter

Every class tweets pictures and updates every week so that you can receive regular updates and insights into what is happening in the classroom. Please do follow us on Twitter so that you can also engage with school and learn about all of the wonderful things that are taking place each day:

Year Group	Class Name	Web-link	Twitter
EYFS	Noah's Ark	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/noahs-ark-class-eyfs-2/	@StNNoahsArk
Year 1	Gospels	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/gospels-class-year-1-3/	@StGospels
Year 2	Apostles	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/apostles-class-year-2-3/	@StNApostles
Year 3	Disciples	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/disciples-class-year-3-3/	@StNDisciples
Year 4	Pilgrims	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/pilgrims-class-year-4-3/	@StPilgrims
Year 5	Saints	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/saints-class-year-5-4/	@StNSaints
Year 6	Prophets	https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/prophets-class-year-6-3/	@StNProphets
Whole school		https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/	@BostonStNic
Infinity Academies Trust		https://www.infinityacademies.co.uk/	@IninityAcad

Key Diary Dates

Year 6 SATs take place between Monday May 9th – Thursday May 12th.

ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN MUST ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY this week.

You can check all key diary dates on the school calendar which is on the school website. The calendar is 'live' and will send automatic reminders to your phone once you save it to favourites. It can be found here:

<https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2022/04/>

Lighthouse Library

You will have seen the 'Lighthouse Library' box at the front of school. This is a community Library designed to be used by YOU! Please help yourself to a book, enjoy reading it and then return it for someone else to borrow! If you have any books that you wish to donate for the Lighthouse Library, please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Curtis who will be happy to help!

Uniform (Please label ALL of it with your child's name!)

With the increasing prices of just about everything at the moment, it is really important that we help each other out as much as possible. We always have a 'Pit-stop clothes shop' available in the front entrance so anybody who needs uniform, can help themselves.

Please donate any old items of uniform that no longer fit your child but are otherwise in good condition. Simply drop these off at the front office with Mrs Bartram who will happily make sure it is made available to others.

Thought for the term ...

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

Hebrews 13:2

What a fantastic verse!

Watching the news can often feel depressing and heavy, especially with all that is going on in the world right now. However, I have felt so encouraged seeing interviews on the TV with people all over the country offering their homes to refugees, and finding out about the relationships that have been built over Zoom before people have arrived in the UK has been amazing to see. It reminds me so much of our school family: we are a global family united by our one school vision to, **"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!"**

I am struck by the selfless nature of families, opening up their home to complete strangers who are in need. I am aware not everyone is in a position to offer a home to a stranger but I love the premise of offering hospitality – I see this across our school community each and every day.

So how can we be hospitable? The word is defined as *'generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests.'*

This is something our school does incredibly well; people are generous with their time and treat each other with wonderful hospitality. I also hear from staff and members of the wider community of the hospitable nature of our school family. I know whoever comes to our school, whether a visitor, staff member or child in our care, we treat them exactly the same, with love, care, kindness and hospitality. It is a wonderful example of what Paul speaks about in his letter to the Galatians when he talks about our school value of Unity:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

If **you** or someone in your family need help/ support of any kind, please have the courage to speak to a member of our school family. We will always try our very best to ensure we can offer love, kindness and compassion.

Keep Shining everyone!

Mrs Booth.

