



# SNS NEWS

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Dear Parents

## **CYBER BULLYING WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS 5 AND 6**

Next Tuesday morning, we will welcome 'Face Up Theatre' who will be presenting their bullying prevention workshops to Years 5 and 6. This interactive presentation aims to highlight issues relevant to internet safety and cyber bullying and raise awareness of safety issues whilst also building empathy and asking the children to take personal responsibility for their own behaviour online. There will be opportunities to discuss and practise ways of keeping themselves and others safe online.

Funding for this project has been received from the High Sheriff Youth Awards and the Heathrow Community Fund through the 'Spelthorne Schools Together Partnership'.

## **'FRONTER' – OUR LEARNING PLATFORM**

Letters are going out shortly to those families who have not been able to attend one of the Eco Safety talks and whose children have not therefore received their Fronter passwords. Please read and return the necessary reply slip on the letter.

We are very grateful to Mrs Wabro for all her support and expertise in helping staff to develop the class pages on the Learning Platform.

## **ICT UPDATE**

The school's server and network is being replaced and updated in the next few months. Alongside this, we are really pleased that the PTA is shortly to fund new projectors and sound systems for the Hallam Building and some other rooms.

## **SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

A concerned parent has written to me about a group of boys outside the school gate on scooters. They appear to be unsupervised and at school soon after 8.00 / 8.15am. They have been seen 'playing' in the road at what looks like 'a dare'.

This is clearly dangerous. Please DO NOT allow your child to wait unsupervised until close to 8.30am and, if you arrive earlier in your car, please do not allow your child to ride around on their scooter. Equally, after school, children with bikes and scooters need to be supervised and not allowed to ride or weave through the people collecting children.

## **WINDSOR CASTLE VISITS TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

As you may be aware, Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee this year, a milestone reached by only one other sovereign in British history, Queen Victoria. To celebrate sixty years on the throne, the government has announced a "nationwide celebration" with an extra bank holiday being created and a number of special events being planned to recognise this "truly historic occasion".

At St Nicholas, we are keen to join in with the celebrations and so we are planning to take every child from Reception to Year 6 to Windsor Castle throughout the Summer term. The PTA has kindly agreed to help fund this venture and will pay the entry fee of £6 for each child. Further details will follow, specific to each year group, next half term.

## **OLYMPICS**

One major event follows another in the Summer. We are equally keen to link in with the Olympic theme. The children have been thinking about pledges for peaceful behaviour following an assembly about the Olympic Movement by our 'Global Gang'.

They would like to thank everyone for the beautifully decorated Olympic pledges. So far we have collected 223 from Key Stage 2. Look out for the 'Truce Wall' where the pledges for peaceful and fun sports and playtimes will be displayed.

Miss Paddock and Mr Reynolds are also looking to provide some additional sporting opportunities next term. They are asking for anyone with perhaps a link or knowledge of a local sporting provider to get in touch, or for anyone with a skill or enthusiasm for a particular sport that they might be able to share with the children. Please drop a note to the office, addressed to Miss Paddock or Mr Reynolds if you can help.

### **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY**

You should, by now, have received a questionnaire on purple paper for the School Improvement Day being held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We are seeking your views on those things you particularly value in school and on areas where you feel the school could usefully develop. We have asked for them to be returned by tomorrow – **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – please, so we have time to collate your responses. Many thanks.

### **LAST CHANCE! 'SPELTHORNE IN BLOOM' POSTER COMPETITION**

Don't forget that entries for this competition need to be with Mrs Cook by next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

See details of what needs to be done on two previous SNS newsletters. Please make sure your child's name, age, date of birth and the school's name is marked clearly on the back.

### **OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

**THEMBA THEATRE** – presents a performance of 'Guys & Dolls' (Jr) at the Riverside Arts Centre in Sunbury between Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are £8 for adults – concessions £6. As always the cast is made up of St Nicks pupils past and present and all proceeds go to Watoto Childcare Ministries. For information and ticket booking, contact the Box Office on 07967 752960.

**EXPLORE LEARNING** – which provides tuition in English and Maths is holding a free community open day for children aged 5 – 14 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a range of special workshops held at both Cobham and Walton centres. We have some leaflets if you are interested.

### **THIS TERM'S DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PTA Discos In-service training day (School Improvement Day)	Ticket applications sent out <b>Children do not attend school</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term holiday	
Week beg. 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent / Teacher Consultations	More information to follow
Week beg. 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Week	More information to follow
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 High Ashurst	Letters sent out
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday service at St Nicholas School	More information to follow
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 performance of 'Orpheus' for parents – 9.15am	Letters sent out
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Diamond Jubilee whole school photo to be taken	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Archdeacon of Middlesex visit	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term	Yrs R 1 & 2 finish at 2.15 and Yrs 3 – 6 finish at 2.30pm