### St Nicolas & St Mary Primary School

# Newsletter

Journey together ★ guided by God ★ to do the best we can

### **STOP PRESS – EXCITING NEWS!!**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Stenning had a baby girl last night! Phoebe is 8 weeks early and weighs just 4lb 10oz but both Mum and daughter are doing well! We wish Mr and Mrs Stenning all the very best as they embark on their exciting journey of parenthood!

### Ark mural

Thanks to Richard Moore (Dad of one of our pupils) for the fantastic mural on the Ark. The Ark reminds us that God is our place of safety and the Rainbow tells of his promise of love. The wonderful animals show us how amazing the creation is - and how we should look after it!



### **Open Art Afternoon**

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who visiting our open art afternoon last week. It was wonderful for the children to be able to show so many of you the art and topic work which they have so carefully created this year and to welcome you into their classrooms.

Illuminated letters and Viking Broaches created by Year 5

Parents & Carers looking through topic books





Clay models inspired by the topic Castles and Dragons made by Year I



### Samba Band Sensation!

Our Samba Band made quite an impression on everyone at the Beach Dreams parade. Their playing was brilliant and, since then, they were also invited to play at the Summer Fayre and also the school Summer Concert. We are expecting further bookings soon....!

"I was at the Beach Dreams parade this morning.....your samba band was EXCELLENT. They played in sync' and with tremendous power. The children and their teachers must have put in some very good practice. Thank you and thanks to them for such a great contribution to a community event."



### Happy's Circus!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported the Circus and Summer Fayre. We raised a fantastic £4,456. We'd also like to thank Billy the Clown for entertaining the children all day! We hope you all had a fantastic time!

Puffins raised £13 with their comic stall. A few children came up with the idea and created it at lunchtime at

school in their own self-styled comic club. done Puffins!









### **Baby Doodle!**





Doodle has had a baby! One of our parents, Mrs Bowrah, has decorated a baby Doodle in exactly the same way as our Doodle! We think you'll agree he looks rather spectacular.



### **Truleigh Hill Adventure**

Our Y5 children had a fantastic adventure at Truleigh Hill this term – we have already booked it for next year! Some of the children's comments were:

The trip was 'the best days of my life so far'.

And "the best fun ever."

Parent feedback: "A big thank you for all the effort you put in to making the Year 5 Residential trip so exciting and activity filled! My son had a really super time, and is really proud of the miles he clocked up walking on the Downs, and has commented more than once on how spectacular the views were! I know how much of your time... it has taken to organise, so I wanted you to know that it is appreciated!"

### **London School Link Visit**

Children from our Year 4 classes had a visit from Anderson and Rothko classes from our London linked school, St Bartholomew's CofE Primary School, Lewisham this month. It was wonderful to welcome the pupils and teachers who we had met when we visited their school earlier in the year.

The children enjoyed touring our building and grounds (they do not have a field and loved the open space) and undertaking a range of activities which included making friendship bracelets, writing prayers and creating a circle of friendship and respect which will be on display within the school. Although in very different geographical



locations, our schools are very similar in ethos and share the same values. It is great to extend the link which we have developed and hope that we will continue these visits over the coming years.





### Harp Academy



Well done to George who performed on his harmonica with Harp Academy at the paddle round the pier festival the other week.

There were about 20 children from different schools in West Sussex and they were amazing!

George has lessons every Tuesday at school.

### **Best Points**

A massive well done to Red House who this term were our KS2 Best Points champions. We look forward to giving the children their 'reward treat' in September

 $1^{st}$  Red House = 3745 Points  $2^{nd}$  Blue House = 3734 Points  $3^{rd}$  Yellow House = 3405 Points  $4^{th}$  Green House = 3401 Points



### Sporting Stars!



## We did it!

We are delighted to announce that we, St Nicolas & St Mary CE Primary School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

- 116 different children represented our school,
- 59 of these were girls and 57 boys,
- 437 different appearances.
- We participated in 26 tournaments,
- We gained 7 x 1sts; 8 x 2nds and 5 x 3rds,
- We played in 4 leagues, Year 5/6 netball; year 5/6 boys and girls football and year 3/4 football.
- 99.5% of our 180 children surveyed said that they enjoyed PE and Sport.

With so many of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to Mr Butler, our Sport Development Leader, who has worked so hard with our teams this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

### **End of Key Stage Results**

We are really pleased with the results of the statutory tests that we are required to do. This is an exceptionally strong set of whole school results and a huge thanks to the hard work of the children, staff and the ongoing parental support we receive. Results can vary year on year depending on the cohort and there are more important things in life than academic success! However we do feel it is right to celebrate the children's successes.

We simply want children to, in the words of our mission statement, be given the chance 'to do the BEST (they) can'.

• Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception): Good Level of Development 81% (4% above school 2018 and 9% above national 2019)

- Year I Phonics: 92% Working At (10% above national)
- Year 2

Reading 88% (7% above school 2018 and 13% above national 2019) Writing 78% (5% above school 2018 and 9% above national 2019) Maths 83% (7% above school 2018 and 8% above national 2019)

Year 6

Writing 76% (In line with School 2018 and National 2019) Reading 88% (15% above National 2019) Maths 79% (1% above National 2019)

GPS 86% (8% above National) – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling More information will be published on our website in due course.



### National and International success for Y6 mathematicians

Five boys entered the Junior Maths Challenge, a competition open to boys and girls up to and including Year 8 at Secondary School. All five (Finley M, Isaac H, Rufus B-B, Antim L and Phillip W) achieved a Gold Certificate result. An excellent achievement for Year 6 pupils. The first four named also scored sufficiently well to gain entrance to the International Kangaroo, where they all obtained very good results.

### International Neighbours Art Competition



'International Neighbours', in partnership with famous artist Alison Lapper MBE, are running an art competition open to 8–I Iyear olds and 12–16 year olds, for the forthcoming International Neighbours annual event to celebrate diversity, held on 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Shoreham Community Centre I Iam – 4pm. There will be an exhibition of the main entrants on the day of our Festival in Shoreham Community Centre and in local government centres with press coverage.

This year we are inviting art work with the title of 'International or 'Diversity'. This can be interpreted in many different ways, the student may wish to focus on culture, ethnicity, disability, gender, or even pictorial contrast, age etc...any artwork paint/drawing/photographic which fits the 'International' or 'Diversity' title is most welcome. All art entries need to be submitted on either A3 or A4 size paper. Every entry must have the pupils' name, age and school name on the back. Each entry needs to be emailed to a member of International Neighbours committee by the middle of September (penejos@gmail.com) or delivered to The Shoreham Community Centre before the beginning of September. The winning student will be notified by the second week of September.

Entries will be judged by Alison Lapper MBE. The prizes are WHSmith vouchers and signed winners' certificate. The winning pupils' school will also receive a certificate signed by Alison Lapper MBE.

'International Neighbours is dedicated to the promotion of community cohesion by celebrating diversity, to build positive relationships, respect, trust and value for each other, to create a strong and inclusive community'.

### Request from Leeds Beckett University

St Nicolas & St Mary's has been emailed by the researchers from Leeds Beckett University who wish to contact parents and carers of Year 6 and Reception year pupils regarding their opinion of the National Child Measurement Programme letters. Your feedback will provide essential information for the future delivery of the NCMP letters.

If you wish to provide the feedback, please use the link below. The survey takes up to 5-minutes to complete. <a href="https://ncmp.me/survey">https://ncmp.me/survey</a>

For every parent or carer who provided feedback, the researchers will donate £1 to a charitable cause. For more information, please contact <u>m.cadek@leedsbeckett.ac.uk</u> from Leeds Beckett University.

### And finally...

The Year 5/6 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat was truly AMAZING and a fantastic finale to a brilliant year! The quality of the singing, dancing and acting was top notch. As were the costumes, scenery and props along with the stage direction and technical crew.

It is easy to say something is fantastic. It is another thing to really know it is *fantastic*. Many staff and parents have been to performances and shows in other schools and draw the same conclusion: what our children do is FANTASTIC! In particular, our children, like those in many church schools, do sing really well. Worship is a key part of our life together

and a by-product is excellent singing!

All of this is only possible because of the commitment and hard work of many. Our children have worked incredibly hard. Their passion and concentration is hard to beat! Many visitors have commented on this when seeing the children rehearse. Parents have played a massive part with costumes, scenery, props and more – and over the years, the PTA has helped fund our lighting and sound systems. The commitment of staff also deserves a mention. From setting up



the stage 7.30am in the morning to staying late for performances. Without their dedication and drive it wouldn't happen – especially the Year 6 teachers! I would like to thank all staff for an amazing year – they are an amazing team. In July there are only 17 actual school days but 14 evening events (after 6pm) including plays, concerts, curriculum experiences, governor meetings and PTA discos.

loseph is more than a musical. It is a fantastic story of a melded family, driven by favouritism, jealously, lies, temptation and going to the food bank. This is followed by forgiveness, reconciliation and salvation. You can read it all from this hyperlink: Genesis Chapter 37 - Story of Joseph

We will be talking about this in our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term!

We all have a lot of ups and downs in life. Joseph certainly had them. From a 'Technicolour Dreamcoat' to the bottom of a well, from an Egyptian prison to Pharaoh's side, Joseph went through it all. We may ask ourselves: 'Why does bad stuff happen? Why is life tough? Why does God allow it to happen? Joseph knew. He had more than dreams. He had a revelation about God's overarching plan:

loseph said to them, "Come close to me." When the brothers came close to him, he said to them, "I am your brother loseph, whom you sold as a slave to go to Egypt. Now don't be worried or angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me here ahead of you to save people's lives. No food has grown on the land for two years now, and there will be five more years without planting or harvest. So God sent me here ahead of you to make sure you have some descendants left on earth and to keep you alive in an amazing way. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. God has made me the highest officer of the king of Egypt. I am in charge of his palace, and I am the master of all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45 verses 4 to 8)

Joseph realised that although his brothers were mean to him, Potiphar's wife told lies about him and the cup bearer forgot him, God had plans for Joseph – and he has plans for you...

Next term we are going to think about one of our Christian values, 'hope'. It follows on well from the story of Joseph:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future." (Jeremiah 29 verse 11)

loseph and his brothers did not 'Journey together'. Yet ultimately they were 'guided by God'. loseph, like our year 6 leavers, worked hard and made the most of all the opportunities afforded to him, and modelled what it means 'to do the best we can'.

On behalf of all the governors and staff, have an amazing summer break!

Mr Etherton

### Dear Children,

I just wanted to say a HUGE WELL DONE for your incredible performance of Joseph last week. The acting, singing and choreography was fantastic and I was particularly impressed with the soloists and with the full chorus numbers, when you were all singing it had a great impact because you were all putting so much into the performance!

You had all clearly worked very hard to put on such a great show!

Well done again and hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Best Wishes

Mr Dallimore (Parent Governor)

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the year 5/6 play....It felt like a professional production and the attention to detail in the props, costumes and program made it extra special. There were some amazingly talented children on stage and all the children taking part gave it their all. It was an outstanding achievement for all who took part on stage and behind the scenes.

Wow, what a spectacular production! The children clearly enjoyed the experience, giving heartfelt performances throughout. We, as the audience, were engaged from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyed the show in its entirety. A memorable evening, highlighting some serious acting abilities. Thank you, so much, to all involved in bringing such an ambitious project to fruition. We absolutely loved it!!

I came to see the show last night and it was absolutely brilliant. You could clearly see how much of f f the children enjoyed it and how much vision and hard work went into producing it.

Last night was the most awesome of experiences. Joseph and his Technicolor dream coat was out of this world - the acting, the atmosphere and especially the children. I can't thank the teachers enough for putting this together!

The children adapted and acted to their roles so well, I really enjoyed it so much it made me very proud.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Year 5/6 production of Joseph. The children completely blew me away with their acting and singing capabilities. Absolutely fantastic talent and an utter delight to watch.



We Funded this year...

Outdoor Gym £6500 Kiln £4000 Hoodies for Teachers £100 General Art Supplies £300

6 Glockenspiels £560 Petrol Leaf Blower for Premises Manager £250 Year 6 SATs Breakfast £100 New Chess & Draught pieces £200 New Library Books £1000

Compost Bins for Eco Council £100

Playground markings for Cherry Tree Playground £600 Playground resources, skipping ropes, hoops, ping pong balls etc £1000













# Closing Down Sale

# Toys and Equipment

Everything from Duplo, puzzles, books, furniture, blocks, games, wheelie toys, dolls and buggies, cars, train sets etc

### 10am-3pm Tues 20th and Weds 21st August

Shekinah Preschool Baptist church, Western Road. Shoreham. BN43 5WD

Cash or cheque please





### **Congratulations**

and thank you

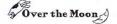
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for participating in the

2019 Reclaim Festival at the Skyway Gallery















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Signed Paul Young (CEO and Founder) Date 25th June, 2019

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