

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
 Philippians 4:8-9 *Thank you to the family who wrote this in a thank you card!*

Dear Parents and Carers

What a year it has been! There are not many times when you can genuinely say that!

First, I want to say a massive personal thank you to all parents and carers for your support and understanding over the last few months.

Our 'journey together' has been a bit 'virtual' at times – it hasn't been easy for you or the school! Many children have come in, but many haven't been able to. Either we have not had the space or you've been shielding. However, not many schools have been able to welcome 96% of YR, Y1 and Y6 back to school, happy and learning. Not many schools have 'see-sawed' and welcomed back virtually all children for a 'goodbye' picnic and 'hello' circle time. Not many schools have such a brilliant staff team like ours and fantastic parents and carers like you. Thank you!

Next term it is my turn to share a little bit of 'St Nic's' again. For almost 5 years, Mr Lincoln and I have swapped roles and supported other schools. Each time we have learnt from each other and from others. Each time we reflect and consider what we can do better next time! Each time we trust that we will be 'guided by God' as we seek to serve not just children in St Nic's but across the diocese!

Practically (and unfortunately!) it means that I will be less visible from September as I will only be in St Nic's for 2 days per week – but still look out for some Awesome Assemblies! I commend Mr Lincoln to you as he acts up as head once again.

Finally, I just want to say have a fantastic break over the summer. I know that contact with others and travelling may be limited but at least grab a book, nibble chocolate, listen to jazz, stroll along the river and 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Philippians 4:4).

Much love, Mr Etherton

1. COMMUNICATION

- **Emails:** please use office@stnm.org.uk to contact the school with queries. Email remains our main form of communication and we continue to receive a huge amount – we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.
- **Calendar:** term dates, upcoming events etc. This can be filtered by year group to help you find dates relevant to you. Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **Letters sent home this week:** Click on the link to see past letters:
<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home&pid=56>
 - School FULL Opening Update #1 – 17th July
 - Letter to the Children – 17th July

2. WORSHIP & ETHOS – Awesome Assemblies :

- The last YouTube *Awesome Assembly number 77 'Mr Badger goes on holiday'* (essential viewing!) can be found at <https://youtu.be/GpKkpaFTGpk>
- If you missed some of our assemblies, do check out: [Awesome Assemblies - Click here](#) There is also a list of our assemblies on our website at [Awesome Assemblies - Summer 2020](#) You can find them if you click on Pupils > useful Home Learning Links and Resources > Fun Summer Home Learning
- We would recommend watching '**Summer Fun Activities**' <https://youtu.be/Om-vw7u58yk> as well.
- We hope to upload our **Summer Concert** to Youtube soon. We will send a text when this is done.
- We have had nearly 30,000 views of our assemblies – and many more as each bubble has been watching it in school but only counts as one view! There are too many to list, but THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to our assemblies!

- Next term all children will be in school and so we will not be doing daily 'Awesome Assemblies' as we can do some class assemblies and 'live' broadcasts within school. Mr Badger still hopes to do one Awesome Assembly a week! As we will no longer need to text links to our assemblies, please '**subscribe**' (and allow notifications) if you still want to watch them at home.
3. **SEPTEMBER FULL OPENING:** The priority for the last couple of weeks has been ensuring a good end to the term. However, we are in the process of completing our plans for September when the school will be open for all children. We will send out our draft plans, with lots of important information shortly.
 4. **THANK YOU FROM STAFF:** all our staff would like to thank you for the thoughtful and wonderful presents they have received from parents, carers and children. Staff do not expect gifts and they really do appreciate your generosity.
 5. **PUPILS' HOME LEARNING WORK BOOKS:** In recognition of all the hard work which pupils have done at home, we wanted children who have not yet had the opportunity to return to school (current Years 2-5 not attending Rainbow Class) to be able to share their work books with their new teachers. In September, if your child would like to show their book to their new teacher, please can they bring it into school.
 6. **LITTLE FISHES NURSERY – Little Fishes Nursery Extended Funding:** Please can we remind you that in order for your child to access Extended FE in the Autumn term their 30 hour code must be issued or renewed by HMRC by 31st August 2020. To renew log in to their childcare account to check their details are up to date, and reconfirm their eligibility to ensure they continue to be eligible for Extended FE: gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account For any queries please email free.entitlement@westsussex.gov.uk
 7. **FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** Is your child eligible? Free School Meals for children in Years 3 – 6 can provide a saving for families of more than £450 per year per child. If your child does qualify for Free School Meals (whether or not you take up the meals), the government will also give our school extra funding, known as **Pupil Premium** funding, to help pupils reach their full potential regardless of their background or financial situation. All children who are entitled to Free School Meals bring an **additional £1345** into the school budget to support their learning experiences at school. This vital funding makes a real difference to the quality of education we offer, enabling us to plan and support learning opportunities for eligible children. Checking whether your child is eligible is quick and easy – just a simple form, [click here](#) to go to the Free School Meal application form on our website (on a mobile phone please scroll to the bottom of the page to find the form). Alternatively, please email the school office and we will print out a hard copy for you. If you would like any assistance with completing the form, we are happy to help you and it should take no more than 10 minutes. The information will be treated in confidence.
 8. **OCTOPUS AND STARFISH CLUBS from September**
 - All bookings for the first half of the Autumn Term must be made by the end of Thursday 10th September and sessions will not be available to book after this date.
 - Once bookings are made, four weeks' notice must be given for cancellation.
 - Sessions are booked on a first come first served basis – we reserve the right to cancel your booking with a full refund if the place is required for a vulnerable child or for children of critical workers.
 - Sessions are not available to book on an ad hoc basis, this is to ensure we can continue to keep children in year group bubbles during this time – this is not manageable if numbers in year groups fluctuate greatly. Please only book for regular days e.g. every Monday in Starfish Club.
 - We are not able to offer Little Octopus and Little Starfish clubs until further notice.
Please look out for further information about our clubs in our 'September plans' that we will send you shortly.
 9. **The Gateway Hub:** the Gateway Hub was formed during the Covid Pandemic offering essential supplies to families and individuals impacted by the lockdown. They work alongside the local food banks. As the need continues, they plan to continue with community support long term with the launch of the Summer Lunch Club. Many families will find feeding children during the holidays challenging, therefore, they will provide lunch supplies each week. They would like to gather some essential data to learn what families need the most and would be grateful if you could respond to the survey ASAP so they can provide the best possible service as soon as the summer holidays begin. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LTRS2N> For more information, go to www.ssfcs.org phone 01273 978566 or email shorehamvolunteers@gmail.com

10. HEALTH & SAFETY

- **Royal National Lifeboat Institution:** <https://rnli.org/safety/swim-safe> Stay safe in the water this summer – please have a look at the wealth of resources provided on the RNLI website.
- **Police Advice** – keeping children safe over the holidays: see attached letter at end of the bulletin.

11. **West Sussex Wastebusters:** Join the West Sussex Wastebusters and pledge to Recycle it Right! Our school could win a year's subscription to National Geographic Kids for Schools including print magazines and full access to the National Geographic online library of primary resources; AND there are lots of prizes for families that take part too. Please sign up, make your pledge, and have some fun this summer completing the home learning activities, for our school and your family to be in with a chance of winning. Full details are available at westsussex.wastebusters.org, and you can follow West Sussex Wastebusters and the Recycle it Right Pledge Challenge on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

12. USEFUL HOME LEARNING LINKS AND RESOURCES

[Useful Home Learning Links and Resources](#) (click on link) or go to Pupils > Useful home learning links & resources. **Fun Summer Home Learning page:**

<http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=FUN+SUMMER+HOME+LEARNING&pid=1526>

13. **THANK YOU!** At the end of the year we would normally have a 'Thank you' assembly when we say thank you to all those who have helped the school during the year. As we are unable to do this we would like to recognise everyone who has helped in whatever way over the year. We really do appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming you back into school when it is safe to do so.



A huge **THANKYOU** to.....



- ★ the Brownings for donating 32 PCs to replace those in the IT suite.
- ★ the Hughes' family for their generous donation.
- ★ Rachel Brown for her ideas, expertise & time in setting up our new online calendar.
- ★ Gigi Backshall-Wilkinson & Mrs Ringshaw for the weekly emptying of the recycling bins.
- ★ the PTA and helpers for running the many events up until lockdown and raising much needed funds for our children.
- ★ the readers and volunteers for all their support and help.

13. NEWS ROUND-UP

FAREWELL Y6: it has been an unusual few months for everybody and we were delighted that we were able to welcome back our Y6 children after half-term. They have had lots of fun over the last few weeks and even though it has been very different to normal, they have enjoyed themselves doing various activities from bonfires, activity day, talent show and end-of-year performance for their parents and carers. We wish them all the best as they leave St Nic's and embark on their next exciting adventure!

THANK YOU CARD: congratulations to Phoebe and Freya who designed the winning entry for our Thank you card competition. Well done girls and thank you to everyone who entered the competition – we had a difficult job deciding on the winning card!





POTTERY BACK ON THE CURRICULUM: We are delighted that pottery is back on the curriculum. Thanks to the support of the PTA and Mr Tel we now have a fully fitted kiln room where we can store and fire clay work. All of our children made a '50th Brick' as a souvenir to mark 50 years since the laying of the school's foundation stone. The photo(s) show clay work that pupils in our school have previously made, and we hope to do this again as we build up the skills of our children.

PARENT & CARER FEEDBACK: during the height of the lockdown and the partial re-opening of school we have received great support from parents and carers – your moral support has been greatly appreciated and given staff a boost when things were tough. Here is just one kind comment we have received:

“Can I take the opportunity to thank you and all the amazing teachers who are supporting our children through this difficult time. I count my blessings every day.”

LOCKDOWN POEM

Lockdown, lockdown we can't believe it's still lockdown.
I'm so bored sitting around in my pjs, I can't believe it's still lockdown.

We don't go to school, we don't see our friends
Instead we stay home, when will this all end?
it's so sad without my friends.

Our pets are so happy that we are around
But they take up the whole couch so we have to sit on the ground.
Which gives us a frown.

We have had lots of fun playing our games
But without our friends, it isn't the same.

But lockdowns not all bad, we have had lots of fun
we get to spend lots of time with our Dad and our Mum.

I feel so much safer from the outside world
Having lots of cuddles and being held.

We can't wait to be free and to be with our friends
And for the world to be happy and this to all come to an end.

Almighty lockdown, almighty lockdown when will you end?
let the world be happy and have peace again?

By Alfie (Y6) and Ava (Y4)



SUMMER LUNCH CLUB

PARENTS/CARERS

WE WANT TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE
PRESSURE OF NEEDING A CONSTANT
SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN
IN SHOREHAM, SOUTHWICK &
FISHERSGATE,
BY DELIVERING WEEKLY PACKED LUNCH
SUPPLIES EVERY MONDAY IN THE
HOLIDAYS.

CONTACT THE GATEWAY HUB
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16 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the school summer holidays fast approaching, we would like to work with you to make sure that your children or young people continue to stay safe during this time.

Below are some helpful resources to help you and your children keep safe.

Yourpolice.uk is an [Instagram page](#) where young people can ask questions to police about a variety of topics including crime and how to keep themselves safe.

Make Good Trouble provides radio shows, videos, and support and advice for parents and carers on [website here](#). The site also links to their Facebook group '[Raising Teens in Lockdown](#)' where you can find advice and also share your tips with other parents and carers.

CEOP - Children and young people are spending more time online, and while it is a great way to keep in touch with friends, it can also bring risks.

It's important to talk to your child about staying safe online and what sites they're using. . Find advice or report any concerns [here](#).

GOV.uk - Lockdown restrictions are continuing to ease as places such as shopping centres, restaurants and gyms begin to open.

Make sure you keep up to date with the Government advice on Coronavirus. Talk to your child or young person about keeping safe as restrictions ease. Find up-to-date information on Coronavirus [here](#).

Sussex Police - Find crime prevention and safety advice on the Sussex Police website [here](#).

Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be visibly patrolling our communities over the coming months and continuing to work with partner agencies, to keep people safe. If you or your child sees us out on patrol, come and say hello, ask us questions or stop for a chat.

Yours sincerely,
Jo Grantham DG614
T/ Chief Inspector



**Reaching
Families**

*Empowering families of children
and young people with special
educational needs and disabilities*

Inclusive Playskills Workshops

Delivered via Zoom by Different Planet Arts

Inclusive Play

Thursday 23rd July 10.30am – 12.00pm

Explore different possibilities within inclusive play, understand why we play and the benefits of it and gain ideas for creative engagement with your child.

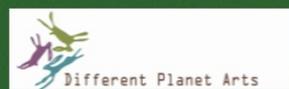
Multi-Sensory Storytelling

Thursday 6th August 10.30am – 12.00pm

Explore multi-sensory storytelling bringing your favourite stories and songs to life through sensory inputs that engage the senses.

Different Planet Arts are a Sensory Theatre and Inclusive Play organisation for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

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PRESTON NOMADS CRICKET CAMPS 2020

4th - 6th August

9am - 3pm

U7 - U12 Boys

Girls of all ages

£40 per day or £100 for all

18th - 20th August

9am - 3pm

U7 - U12 Boys

Girls of all ages

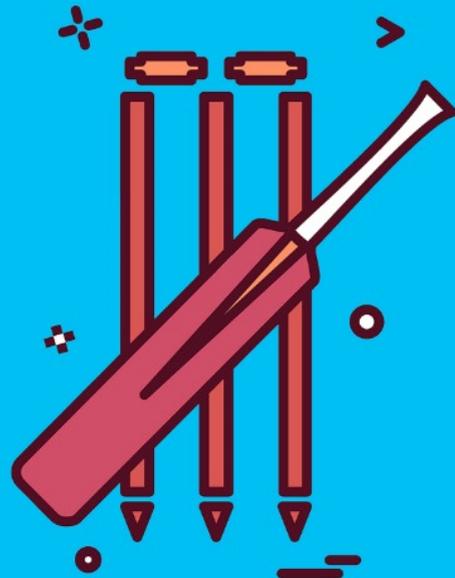
£40 per day or £100 for all

New Zealand & England capped indoor player Nav Patel will be the lead coach on all days supported by Sussex Pathway Coaches & Club Coaches

All interest & enquiries to be sent to
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Phone: 07956776682



Preston Nomads Cricket Club
Spencer Memorial Ground
Clappers Lane
BN5 9ND



All days will comply with the latest Government Covid-19 guidelines