



Saint Nicholas School

**NEWSLETTER
8TH
SEPTEMBER
2011**

Welcome back

Welcome back everybody and a special welcome to our new parents. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer. This is a fairly brief newsletter; a newsier edition will be published next time.

Positions of Responsibility

Congratulations to the following pupils who have gained positions of responsibility:

Head Girl

Emily Steward

Head Boy

Douglas Maxwell

Sports' Captains

Girls — Francesca Traxton

Boys — Frazer Barnes

House Captains & Vice-Captains

St Alban

Jennifer Brummitt (C) & Nicola Baxter VC

St Christopher

George Cornwell (C) & Conor Jones (VC)

St Francis

Emily O'Ferrall (C) & James Fosh (VC)

St George

Charlotte Pigott (C) & Callum Woodward (VC)

Junior House Captains & Vice-Captains

St Alban

George King (C) & Esha Alex (VC)

St Christopher

Jessica Steward (C) & Joseph Bell (VC)

St Francis

Maisie Ayres (C) & Chantelle Nyamande (VC)

St George

Laura Conroy (C) & Joseph Suiter (VC)

Prefects

Zoe Anderson, William Bailey, Nicola Baxter, Jennifer Brummitt, George Cornwell, Robert Crisp, James Fosh, Conor Jones, Douglas Maxwell, Emily O'Ferrall, Charlotte Pigott, Emily Steward, Francesca Traxton and Callum Woodward.

Form Captains

3F—Demyan Hibbard

3T—Chloe Harding

4F—Max Brewis

5R—Pendra Stewart

5W—Katie Gladley

6M—Luke Meehan

6R—Ward Ottley

7M—Megan Cook

7T—Macy Glen

8B—William Bickley

8S—Grace Catchpole

9B—Joshua Lytton

9CG—Mahin Ali

10G—Charlie Richards

10P—Sophia Patten

Parking

We are writing to inform new parents and remind existing parents about the car parking arrangements at Saint Nicholas School. We thank parents for their patience and would like to assure new parents that parking congestion does usually ease as the term progresses.

Morning Drop off

The morning drop and go arrangement for junior and senior pupils has worked very well and has relieved the pre-school traffic jam. However, we would remind parents that in order for the drop and go system to work smoothly there is a need for parents to drop and go as quickly as possible. If you need to stop for any length of time, please proceed through to the car park. If you have a junior or senior child and would like to drop and go, please use the left hand side of the school drive. Other parents should use the right hand side so that they can drive through to the car park. Please note that for reasons of safety, the barrier is closed at 8.40am after which time parents should drop children in the car park.

Afternoon Collection

We are aware that the traffic has been held up on the school drive at home time because some parents have been leaving cars on the drive. We ask parents not to leave cars on the drive as this only aggravates the traffic problem. Parents should wait in the drive until they are able to proceed through to the car park. Please be assured that children are supervised in the tented holding area until they are collected so there is no need to leave cars unattended.

On a point of safety, we would also remind parents of the necessity to park in a parking bay and then walk to the supervision area to collect their child rather than expecting their child to run across the car park to meet them.

Hubbards Hall Drive

And finally, it has been brought to our attention that a number of parents have been accessing the school via Hubbards Hall Drive this week (the drive which runs alongside the Churchgate Hotel), parking on verges, and we must insist that parents do not drive up this driveway. We are not permitted to routinely access the school via Hubbards Hall Drive; it is a private driveway for residents' use and we are permitted to use it on special occasions only, for example sports day, having first gained permission from the residents. If parents persist in driving up this private drive, the school has been warned that we are at risk of losing the privilege altogether.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to attend a coffee morning at school on Tuesday 20th September from 9am-10.30am. This event is open to all parents, and we'd like to extend a special invitation to our new parents.

As many of you will know, the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is this month, and we'll be supporting this event at our own coffee morning. The Friends will be serving refreshments and Mr Knight and Mr AYes will both be present and would be very pleased to see you.

Emails

We now have email addresses for almost all parents and have been communicating by this method for some time. If you haven't yet given us an email address, we'd be grateful if you could do so at your earliest convenience, and remember to check your inbox regularly. If you receive an email regarding a school trip, you can give permission by email instead of having to return the permission slip. Mrs Tyne administers the trips and her email address is d.tyne@saintnicholasschool.net

Clubs Autumn Term 2011

MORNING

MONDAY

Junior & Senior ISA Squad Training and Junior & Senior Open Swim
07.50-08.30am

TUESDAY

Y 2 Fun Ball Club 8.00-8.30am

WEDNESDAY

Infant Gymnastics 08.00-08.30am

LUNCHTIME

Senior Library open daily between 1.45-2.15pm for reading and borrowing books

MONDAY

Y 2 Ballet 12.40-1.10pm

Y 4 Ballet 1.15-1.45pm

Y 3 Reading Group 1.15-1.45pm

Senior Reading Group 1.45-2.20pm

Senior Music Technology 1.45-2.15pm

KS4 French Conversation Club 1.45-2.15pm

Senior DT Club 1.45-2.15pm

Y 5&6 Foreign Film Club 1.15-1.45pm

TUESDAY

Y 1 Ballet 12.40-1.10pm

Y 5/6 Ballet 1.15-1.45pm

Junior ECO Club 1.15-1.45pm

Y 5 ICT Club 1.15-1.45pm

Y 3 Science Club 1.15-1.45

WEDNESDAY

Reception Ballet 12.40-1.10pm

Y 3 Ballet 1.15-1.45pm

Junior & Senior Creative Writing 1.45-2.20pm

Woodwind & String Group 1.15-1.45pm

THURSDAY

Infant Nature Club 12.45-1.15pm

Y 1 Glockenspiel Club (10 max) 12.45-1.00pm

Y 2 Country Dancing 12.45-1.15pm

Junior Boys Choir 1.10-1.30pm

Year 4 Art Club 1.15-1.45pm

Senior Board Games Club 1.45-2.15pm

KS3 Art 1.45-2.15pm

Senior ICT Club 1.45-2.15pm

Senior Italian Club 1.45-2.15pm

FRIDAY

Junior Choir 1.15-1.45pm

Senior Student Magazine 1.45-2.15pm

Y 1 Country Dancing 12.45-1.15pm

Y 7 Nature Club 1.45-2.15pm

AFTER SCHOOL

4-5pm unless otherwise stated

Junior After School Club for juniors with senior siblings 3.45-4.00 (by prior arrangement with Mrs Turnbull)

Infant After School Club 3.30-5.30pm

Junior & Senior Homework Club 4.00-5.30pm

MONDAY

Junior Football

U10/U12 Netball Training

Senior Football Training

Gardening Club

Y 11 Geography Workshops

TUESDAY

Infants Book Club 3.30-4.00pm

Y 2 Spanish 3.30-4.00pm (by prior arrangement)

Y 3 Spanish 4.00-4.40pm (by prior arrangement)

GCSE Art

Mr Thackeray's Infant/Junior Karate (by prior arrangement)

Mr Pavlou's Football Training Y 3 from 13.9.11 (by prior arrangement)

Senior Astronomy 4.00-5.30pm

Y 10 & 11 Cookery

WEDNESDAY

Y 1 Spanish 3.30-4.00pm

Y 5 Spanish 4.00-4.40pm

U14/U16 Netball fixtures/training

Senior & Junior Rugby Training

Mr Thackeray's Senior Karate (by prior arrangement)

Mr Pavlou's Football Training Ys 4,5,6 from 14.9.11 (by prior arrangement)

Junior Cookery Club by invitation

THURSDAY

Y 4&6 Spanish 4.00-4.40pm (by prior arrangement)

Junior & Senior Basketball Club

FRIDAY

Infant Poetry Club 3.30-4.00pm (NF)

Junior & Senior Badminton & Table Tennis

School Rules

The school rules have been updated and can be viewed by clicking on the link

<http://saintnicholasschool.net/parent%20downloads/School%20Rules.pdf>

School Clubs

The clubs list for this term is included in this newsletter. We are looking to extend the range of activities and ask that you complete a short questionnaire Please ctrl and click on the link below. Thank you for your input in this matter.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dGdIQIJzaS16Y20zRI9HX2JoTGVfdFE6MQ>

Bude

We wish Year 6 pupils an enjoyable trip to Bude, which departs this Sunday. During the trip we will publish photos on the school website so do visit the site from time to time for regular updates.

Open Morning

We'll be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 8th October from 10am-12 noon. This is predominantly for prospective parents but we would like to extend the invitation to current parents or parents who would like to familiarise themselves a little better with the school. Senior pupils will be conducting guided tours and display lessons will be taking place around the school.

For your early information, current Year 6 parents and pupils will be invited to tour the senior school and discuss their child's senior education on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th October. More information will follow in due course.

Term Dates

2011 –2013

Autumn Term 2011

Start of term

Monday 5th September

Half Term

Saturday 15th to Sunday 30th October

Term ends

Wednesday 14th December

Spring Term 2012

Start of term

Monday 9th January

Half Term

Saturday 11th to

Sunday 19th February

Term ends

Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

Start of term

Monday 23rd April

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Half Term

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th June

Term ends

Friday 6th July