

# St Nicholas' CE (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break over the festive period and been able to make the most of getting together with loved ones (something that still feels like a novelty in this post Covid era!) I am proud and excited to have the honour of leading the school through this period of change in leadership. I have relished my time as Deputy Headteacher of our wonderful school and it has been a pleasure to get to know the children and you, their families, over the past three and a half years. We have an exceptional team of Teachers and Support Staff here that I am very lucky to get to work with every day. I am excited to work with the team to continue to give our best to ensure that your children get to shine and grow as future 'Global Explorers.'

I know many of you already, but if you would like to get to know me better or would like to come and have a chat I am holding two 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 14:30 and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 09:00. If you are unable to make either of these sessions but would like to come in for a chat at another time then please contact the office to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. My door is always open.

## Big Idea Term 3: Resourcefulness

This term the children will be developing the Big Idea of Resourcefulness. Within this, children will be developing their Learning skills and attributes which enable them to be life-long learners, something which all of the parents who attended our last Global Explorer Open Afternoon said they most valued and wanted for their child's education. Resourcefulness as a Big Idea includes a focus on independence, resilience, perseverance (which is also our Christian value this term), team work and concentration. Keep an eye on your child's class page to see how each class develops their Resourcefulness as the term progresses.

## Staffing News

We are pleased to share the appointment of Mrs Claire Brown who has joined our support team and will be working predominantly with Mrs Heath in Hedgehogs class (Year 2.) We also wanted to advise you of a change in office cover commencing from next week. Please note, going forward there will be minimal cover in the main office on a Tuesday. If you urgently need to speak to a staff member or pass on a message specifically to be dealt with on a Tuesday then we would ask that you telephone the school to do so. Otherwise, emails sent on this day will be dealt with when Ms Glover returns on the following morning. We will set up an out of office message on a Tuesday that we hope will help as a reminder. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us in the meantime.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations this year are on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January for face-to-face appointments and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. We are hoping that before the end of the year we will be able to revamp our website, part of which will be the capacity to book parent consultations online. However, this will not be in place in time to use this time around. So we will be using the sign-up sheets again as these greatly reduce the workload on the office and teaching staff. They will be available outside the school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. I appreciate this is difficult if you are a working parent or your children get the taxi and I apologise for this and ask for your patience. In such cases you are welcome to have a friend sign up to session for you or alternatively please email the school on [Office@stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Office@stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk) with the day and an hour window slot that suits you and we will endeavour to find a slot for you and then confirm the times.

Best Wishes

Lucy Hill  
Headteacher

