



ST NICHOLAS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROXBURN

SCHOOL NEWS

SEPT/OCT 2018

Diary Dates

September -

Fri 14th P7 Cake & Candy
 Mon 17th Holiday
 Tues 18th In Service (no pupils)
 Wed 19th Pupils Resume
 Wed 19th P3 Local Area Walk
 Thu 20th FASTworks, Family Learning Group
 Fri 21st P6 to Mass at 9.30am
 Mon 24th P1 Photos for West Lothian Courier
 Tues 25th P3 children/parents Mass, 6pm Church
 Wed 26th P5 to Mass at 9.30am
 Thurs 27th Parents Curriculum Evening 6-7pm
 Sun 30th P3 Enrolment Mass 9.30am in the church

October -

Mon 1st P7 Tobacco Awareness begins
 Wed 3rd P4 to Mass at 9.30am
 Thurs 4th P3 parent meeting after 6pm Mass in church
 Fri 5th P6 Assembly 11.15am
 Tue 9th Digital Leaders to Apple Store, Edinburgh
 Wed 10th P3 to Mass at 9.30am
 Mon 15th October Holidays Begin
 Mon 22nd In Service (no pupils)
 Tues 23rd Pupils Resume
 Fri 26th Curriculum Cafe
 Mon 29th NSPCC Internet Safety Day Workshops



Welcome Back

The new term is well and truly underway with all children settled back beautifully into school routines and with their new teachers.

We are taking forward actions this year to continue to make St Nicholas Primary School a thriving and stimulating environment, where children and staff aspire to be the very best they can. Our school continues to have high levels of attainment and achievement, but we never sit still and rest on our laurels. Our priorities for our school this year are:

- **Raising attainment in literacy**

Including establishing a high reading culture within our school, where all children enjoy reading for pleasure;

- **Raising attainment in numeracy**

Continuing to embed our Concrete, Visual, Abstract approach to the teaching of numeracy and collaborating with other schools and councils to ensure our approaches are first rate;

- **Focus on Health and Wellbeing**

Ensuring that all our children build resilience and are aware of the importance of good mental health and who can support and help them;

- **Developing the Young Workforce**

Ensuring that our children have the skills they will need to be successful in life after primary school, including technology skills through the introduction of BYOD (bring your own device) and a focus on technology skills taught throughout the school in all areas of the curriculum.

We look forward to seeing all our parents at the Curriculum Evening on Thursday the 27th of September at 6pm to 7pm.

Don't forget to follow us on our blog, Facebook and Twitter, to see what we've been up to.

Blog

bit.ly/StNicholasPS

Facebook

facebook.com/StNicholasRCPrimarySchool

Twitter

[@WLSaintNicholas](https://twitter.com/WLSaintNicholas)

Or, scan these QR codes to see our social media pages

Facebook



Twitter



Blog





Curriculum Evening

Thursday 27th September 2018

A reminder that our curriculum evening is on from 6pm until 7pm on Thursday 27th September. We hope that you will make every effort to attend. Your child's teacher will give an overview of your child's curriculum for the year, and you'll get an opportunity to see their learning environment.

Sessions will run at 6pm and 6.30pm to allow parents the opportunity to visit multiple classes where there are siblings.

FASTworks Family Learning Group

Fancy a regular chance to chat with other parents and do fun stuff with your kids (without the usual distractions and costs!)? FASTworks is a wee group that meets fortnightly on a Thursday from 3-4:30pm in the family learning space. It is a relaxed and supportive group that just like meeting up! We would love to see some new faces. So if you fancy giving it a try, please do come along next Thursday 20th September for our first get together.

Calling all Grannies and Grandpas!

As we continue to build a culture of readers within our school, we are keen to recruit more grandparents to have fun reading stories with our children.

If you think you can help with this, please call the school office on 01506 853509 and we will be in touch with you.

School Website

Don't forget to check out our new school website:

<http://stnicholasprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

Our House Captains

Almond

Esme Southworth

Clyde

Stella Henderson

Esk

Aimee Lowe

Forth

Anna Keogh

Spey

Alanna Morrison

Tay

Kenzie Stevenson



Bikes and Scooters

We have had a couple of unlocked items stolen from outside during the school day. Parents please make sure your child locks up their bike or scooter.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Bring Your Own Device has got off to a great start this year with our P5-7's. We have seen devices being used creatively across a range of curricular areas and hope this success continues as we progress through the year.

If your child would like to take part, they must bring in a completed Responsible User Agreement and Parental Permission Form, available from our new school website:

<http://stnicholasprimary.westlothian.org.uk/article/29511/Bring-You-Own-Device>

No dogs in the playground



We have recently had concerns from parents regarding dogs in the playground. Please keep our children and your dog safe by keeping our playground dog-free. Many thanks.