



Friday 13th December 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear parents and carers,

Once again we have had a very busy few months at St Nicholas and the new academic year has proved to be full of variety. Today's newsletter provides a taste of some of the activities that the pupils and staff have been involved with this term on a weekly basis.

I am pleased to announce that the school's reputation goes from strength to strength. More parents than ever before want their children to attend St Nicholas and we are proving to be one of the most popular and successful schools in the area.

The sentiments of Christmas such as being together as a family and as a community are something that we work very hard to promote all year round at the school. I am acutely aware that everyone; pupils, parents, teachers, support staff and governors, all play their part to make St Nicholas so successful and I am extremely grateful for all their hard work. I am sure we are all ready for a good Christmas break and I do hope you and your family are able to enjoy the festive season!

Mrs Kerry Longman, our KS2 Phase Leader will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a promotion to the post of Director of Learning for MFL at the Marsh Academy. It is always emotional to say goodbye to colleagues and this is particularly the case when colleagues of the calibre of Mrs Longman move on. I know we will all really miss Mrs Longman and we are all grateful to her for her dedication to the school and the work she has undertaken here at St Nicholas.

The Governors, staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Sun Newspaper – Books for Schools vouchers



Please could parents bring into school The Sun Newspaper Books For School's vouchers.

READ all about it! The Sun is giving away £12 million-worth of books as part of our amazing Books For Schools campaign. The giveaway will see each primary school that signs up receive a FREE box of books containing more than 100 titles, worth £600. Each box will also contain bonus picture book There's A Snake In My School, by No1 bestselling author David Walliams.

Dates for your diary

December 2019

Wed 18th
 9:30am KS2 Carol Service at St Nicholas Church – families welcome

Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

LAST DAY OF TERM

January 2020

Mon 6th Jan
 Children return to school

Flu vaccinations

Tues 7th
 Year 4 Egyptian Day Workshop

Mon 13th
SCIENCE WEEK

Thurs 16th
 Year 1 and Year 5 Astrodome visit

Tues 21st
 Year 6 ISHP questionnaire

Wed 22nd
 Reception Fun Day at Marsh Academy 1-3pm
 please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

Mon 27th
 Year 5 Tri Golf please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

Year 2 Infant Agility at the Marsh Academy from 1-3pm



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately with **Early Morning Work** when the class doors open at 8.35am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time which may include your child.

Children arriving to school after 9:00am, when morning registration has finished, receive an unauthorised absence mark for the whole morning. These marks have a huge impact on your child's overall attendance. Can parents please ensure children attend school every day, on time, unless there is a valid reason. Also, doctors, dentist and hospital appointments, if possible, should not be made during school hours or after 1pm to avoid an absence mark

Our whole-school attendance this week was 93.8%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	85.5%	Rowan	94.3%
Squirrel	91.3%	Beech	91.7%
Badger	97.5%	Birch	94.6%
Otter	91.4%	Maple	96.7%
Fox	88.8%	Willow	93.2%
Hare	95.2%	Oak	94.1%
Chestnut	95.2%	Elm	93.1%

Well done this week to

- Badger
- Maple

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.

Star Awards



Congratulations to our poetry/prayer winners who will have their poems and prayers read out at this evening's Lantern Parade when it comes to its conclusion at St Nicholas Church – our winners are; Eva A, Amiee C, George R, William W, Leo N, Millie-May R & Courtney W.

This week at St Nicholas...



This week we have had our Nativities in KS1 the Choir have sang at Canterbury Cathedral and the Mayor of New Romney attended the Nativity and St Nicholas Day service along with Rev'd Chris McClean and Rev Jacky Darling.

Reverse Advent

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in our reverse advent campaign in December. We received 115 reverse advent calendars into our shop as well as lots directly to our unit at Big Yellow.

All the donations will be delivered to the Rainbow Trust on Monday, if you would like to make a last minute donation there is a last chance on Monday morning. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH to everyone who donated food and gifts to help those in crisis.

And finally...

When children have been sick and or had diarrhoea, they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please do not bring children back to school sooner or you will be putting other children and their families at risk. Thank you.



This term's collective worship focus is:

COMMUNITY

"let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24–25