

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**



**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week we have had this week at St Nicholas with the children managing on most days to get outside despite much wet and windy weather.

I have been so lucky to have had the opportunity to visit a number of classes this week and share their learning.

The week started with Chinese New Year celebrations in Year R and visits by the Nuclear Police in their 'people who help us' topic.

I also visited Year 4 where they were learning about mummification in Ancient Egypt – the children learned about the processes by mummifying real fish! I also joined Year 3 for their Viking dance where they shared their routines with me. So much to reassure me of the breadth and variety of learning taking place.

A reminder that Mrs Lisa Baker our Family Liaison Officer is available at the start and end of the school day if you need to have a chat about anything in regards to your child. She can assist with all sorts of matters. If you are not sure who to turn to for help she might be able to point you in the right direction.

A big well done to Leo N in Year 6 who won the U11 Sportshall Decathlon last weekend. He will go on to represent Kent at the South East Regional Finals in March. Well done to all those from the school who took part.

Next week we hope we will have some calmer weather to enjoy. Maybe more sunshine, less rain!

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Class Dojo**

This week you will have noticed that your child has had their Class Dojo points reset. Last week every child who had achieved 45 or more Dojo points were given an extra playtime in recognition of their hard work and positive attitude to school life.



At the start of this week we re-set everyone to zero and launched our new program of rewards. Dojo points can be awarded every day by your child's class teacher. When a certain amount of points are achieved your child will receive a reward in recognition of their hard work and application of our school values. Examples of rewards can be seen below.

**Points Reward**

150	Afternoon tea with SLT	120	Ice Cream treat
100	30 minutes 'Golden Time'	80	15-min Chrome Book time
60	15 minutes 'Golden Time'	40	Lucky Dip
20	Lucky Dip		

**Dates for your diary**

**February**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Parent Council at 6.30pm

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Tennis

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 1/2 Mini Football at Greatstone Primary School 12:30 – 2:30pm

Year 3 Tri-Golf

Year 5 American Football

Year 6 visit to The Old School House

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**

Year 2 Rugby Tots

Year 5 Hockey

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>**

Open classes 3-3:45pm

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>**

Safer Internet Day

Year 4 Tennis

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3/4 Football at Greatstone Primary School 12:30 – 2:30pm

Year 5 American Football

Year 1 Tri Golf

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 Squash Crazy

Year 5 Hockey

Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>**

Year 2 Kent Life trip

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**

**TERM BEGINS**



## 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 9am 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 be made after 1pm to avoid an absence mark*

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



This term's collective worship focus is:

### **PERSEVERANCE**

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Hedgehog:** Omar R, **Badger:** Teddy J, **Fox:** Lola R, **Rowan:** Alice M, **Beech:** Freya M, **Maple:** George R, **Elm:** Owen J

## Cold weather

Now that the weather has turned much colder, can you please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. On wet days if your child wears their wellington boots to school they must bring their school shoes to change in to.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.

Please make a note of the following dates for your diaries;

- **Open Classes – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – this is a chance for parents to review childrens books.
- **Parent Teacher Consultations – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Meet with the teacher to see how your child is progressing.

## Uniform reminders

Our uniform exists not only to keep the children smart but also for health and safety reasons. Please could I remind families the following:

- Trainers and 'Ugg' style boots are not permitted
- Large hair accessories are not permitted and hair bands should be in school colours (not bright colours)
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back
- Nail varnish, acrylic/gel nails are not permitted
- Earrings should be studs, children cannot take part in PE with dangling earrings
- Sweatshirts/cardigans should be navy blue with the school logo and the only hoodies permitted are the school attendance awards.



For more details on the school uniform please see the school website - <https://www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/School-Uniform-Policy-2016.pdf> or visit our suppliers web page <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/stnicholascofeprimaryschool>

## Appropriate language and behaviour

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of verbal abuse or swearing. If parents become abusive or use foul language towards members of staff or other parents at any time on school premises they will be asked to leave. Behaviour such as this does not present a good role model in terms of how we expect the children to behave at school and will not be tolerated.

## And finally....

We would like to welcome Mrs C Dale to our team. This has caused something of a stir amongst the children. Mrs Dale – who is absolutely no relation to Mr Dale, started as a Midday Supervisor at the school this week. We would like to welcome her to the team.

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## School Lunch

All ParentMail payments for school dinner money must be made by 8am on a Monday for the week ahead. If your child only has meals on a specific day these must also be paid on a Monday for that week.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply for your child on the KCC website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

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## Year R Nuclear Police Visit



## Year 4 Egyptian Mummification

