

Friday 6th November 2015

**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

This term promises to be a busy one with so much planned, Parent/Teacher Consultations, Children in Need Non Uniform Day, Christmas activities such as the Nativity, Dinners, PTFA Fayre, the Carol Service not to mention the different curriculum opportunities that have been planned for. I would like you to join us and take part in as many of the events as possible.

Parent/Teacher Consultations take place next week – I do hope that you will be able to make the appointment set aside for you; it would be good for as many parents as possible to be able to attend this important event. I was pleased with the number of parents who visited during open classes this week. Many of you had encouraging things to say about the work they saw in their children's books. If you were unable to take part in this and would still like to see your child's work, please speak to the class teacher.

This week I have met with all the teachers across the school and reading continues to be a focus for the school. One of the single key contributions to the development of children is regular reading, not just at school **but also at home**. Please do take the time to listen to your child read, even if it's only for 10 minutes an evening - it could make a huge difference to their progress and success at school.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Reading volunteers

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer at school, and help us with one of our most important activities?

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference.

We have a small team of reading volunteers who come into our school regularly, and help the children with their reading by listening to them read, and talking to them about their books and reading choices. Our volunteers range from students at the Marsh Academy, to retired people who have some extra time on their hands!

We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested in helping us and support children's reading by joining our volunteers. **Please contact the school office to find out more.**

Dates for your diary

Tues 10th Nov

Parent/Teacher
Consultations (Late)
16:30 hrs to 19:30hrs

Wed 11th Nov

Parent Teacher
Consultations (Early)
15:20hrs to 18:00hrs

Fri 13th Nov

Children in Need Non-
uniform day - £1
suggested donation

Mon 23rd Nov

PTFA Bring a gift day.
Details to follow

Thurs 26th Nov

Prospective parents
meeting at 9.30am

Fri 27th Nov

School closed to
children but
Messy Church here at
St Nicholas School
3.15 to 4.30pm in the
Training Room

TERM DATES

Fri 18th Dec – Term 2
ends at 3pm

Mon 4th Jan – Term 3

Children return to
school

**Staff Development
Days**

The school will be
closed to children on
these dates

Friday 27th November

Friday 8th July

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - The school is collecting for the poppy appeal up to the 11th November, Armistice Day. Children are welcome to bring in their money to purchase a poppy

Attendance

Well done to Otters class who achieved 99.1% attendance this week. Whole school attendance was 95.2%

Class attendances were:

Squirrels	96.3%	Hedgehogs	98.5%
Otter	99.1%	Badgers	97.1%
Eagles	97.7%	Owls	96.5%
Kestrels	95.4%	Kites	92.2%
Birch	94.5%	Maple	90.9%
Willow	96.1%	Chestnuts	95.2%
Rowan	90%		

Our target for attendance is 96.6%,

Nicholas Bear

We have a new addition to the school this term. We are pleased to introduce Nicholas Bear. Nicholas is awarded on the basis of how well a class has performed or worked during the week by the class teacher. If more than one teacher nominates their class then either Mr Dale or Mrs Harper will choose who will receive Nicholas Bear. This will be presented alongside our usual Star of the Week and Work to be Proud of Awards. We hope the children will work hard to have Nicholas. A prize will be awarded to the class who wins him the most times within a term.



Stay and Learn Sessions.

In response to the parent questionnaire many parents said they would like greater involvement in their child's curriculum and learning. Within Key Stage 1 we are responding to this by setting up weekly 'Stay and Learn' sessions for parents to join their child at the start of the school day and take part in reading and phonic activities.

These sessions will take place on the following days; Monday – Year R, Tuesday – Year 2 and Thursday – Year 1.

We do hope that as many parents as possible will join their children in these sessions over the coming weeks between 8.35 and 9am and help us in making a difference to their child's learning.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter

We now have **30** followers

@St_Nicholas_CEP



This year on

FRIDAY 13th NOV

to support *Children in Need* the school will be holding a Non Uniform day £1 donation.
Our theme is Spots and Dots!

Christmas Dates

4th Dec PTFA Fayre
7th Dec KS1 Nativity 2pm
8th Dec KS1 Nativity 9.30am
9th Dec School Panto
11th Dec PTFA Disco
16th Dec School Christmas Dinner



Awards

Star of the week awards go to: Hedgehogs: Carmela, Badgers: Jaiden, Eagles: Max, Kestrels: Yasmine, Willow: Casper, Rowan: Paris

Work to be proud of awards go to: Squirrel: Joshua, Badgers: Emily, Owls: Jayleigh, Kites: Megan, Kites: Aaliyah, Maple: Rosie, Chestnut: Ellie



Nicholas Bear to: Kites

Letters sent home this week: Year 3 Skiing, Group 2 Swimming, Parent/Teacher Consultation appointment slips, school photo proofs