

Friday 11th December 2015
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas with the PTFA Christmas Fayre, KS1 Nativity performances and the Pantomime, provided by the PTFA. As I reflect on a very busy term I think about how much we have achieved and I realise I must balance this with how much is still to be done. However, I cannot help but to think about the generosity that has been received within the school this term from our parents, carers and wider family members in support of the school and worthy causes, such as the Macmillan Cancer Trust, the British Legion Poppy Appeal and Children in Need.

I know you will be as delighted as I was, to find out we raised £1550 at the Christmas Fayre. This was achieved by the extraordinary hard work of all those who give their time to the PTFA and through the support and generosity of all those who attended. Thank you.

In staffing we have made some key appointments to the school over the last few weeks. Our new caretaker is Mr Scott Weston, also joining us this term is Mrs Lisa Baker our new Family Liaison Officer (FLO) – I know she has already spoken to some of our families and is already providing valuable support in our school. I am sure you will see more of these key people in the life of our school over the coming weeks and term.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.
Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Family Liaison Officer (FLO)

Hello everyone, I am Lisa Baker, the new Family Liaison Officer (or FLO) at St Nicholas Primary School. My job is to help parents and carers ensure their children can learn well and flourish. I am available for support via: informal chats, drop-ins, appointments and if needed home visits. Please also feel free to come up and say hello to me anyway! I have received a very warm welcome here at our school. I will be here from Monday to Friday (08:30 – 12:30). If you have any ideas or requests for me, I will be delighted if you let me know. Do make good use of me to support, help and guide you if there is something you need to assist your children to do their very best, to enjoy and achieve at school and to be safe and happy. I too have two young children of my own, so anyone who wants to share their own successful tips, please give me a shout!

After being a FLO for many years, I am still learning new things every day and still looking to encourage as many people as possible to join me in learning together and taking part in exciting activities and initiatives.

I will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to find out the kinds of things our families here want to get involved in, so would like as many of you as possible to respond so we can put the right things in place. Once again thank you so much for the warm reception, I already know I'm going to love it here. I look forward to meeting all of you over the next few weeks; please look out for my coffee morning, coming very soon!

Lisa - **Mob 07530 113107**

Dates for your diary

Fri 11th Dec PTFA
Disco TONIGHT

Mon 14th Dec Giving
Tree Service

Wed 16th Dec School
Christmas Dinner

Fri 18th Dec KS2
Christmas Service at
Church 9.15am start

Mon 4th Jan Children
return to school

Mon 4th Jan Year 6
pupils Astrodome visit

TERM DATES

Fri 18th Dec – Term 2
ends at 3pm

Children return to
school **Mon 4th Jan**

Fri 12th Feb – Term 3
ends

Easter Holiday

Fri 25th March to **Fri 8th**
April

Staff Development Days

The school will be
closed to children on
these dates

Friday 8th July

Attendance

Well done to **Hedgehogs** class who achieved 98% attendance this week.

Class attendances were:

Squirrels	91.3%	Hedgehogs	98%
Otter	93.9%	Badgers	95.8%
Eagles	94.4%	Owls	95%
Kestrels	96.3%	Kites	91.9%
Birch	96.7%	Maple	90.3%
Willow	95.5%	Chestnuts	92%
Rowan	97.4%		

Leave During Term Time As you are aware the government does not allow holidays during term time as there are 14 weeks school holidays during the year. Leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Star Players

The Netball High Five players took part in The Shepway Sport Trust High 5 Tournament this term and we are delighted to announce that they won. Those taking part were: Lucy Davis, George Hurst, Indiana Finn, Paige Butterworth, Ross Stevens-Stringer, Joshua Frampton, Patrick Wozny, Arfon Leyshon, Ruby Ball, Megan Donovan, Paris Williams and Lauren Hennessy.



Star Awards

Star of the week awards go to: **Squirrels:** Evie and Logan, **Otters:** Lily, **Owls:** Peggy, **Kites:** Zac, **Birch:** Molly, **Maples:** Joshua, **Chestnut:** Kieran

Work to be proud of awards go to: **Hedgehogs:** Mia, **Badgers:** Boglar, **Eagles:** Angel P, **Kestrels:** Valentine, **Willow:** Isabelle, **Rowan:** Harris



Nicholas Bear to: Willow Class

Advent and Christmas Services at St Nicholas Church

Star Service 5.30pm - Sunday 13th December
Community Carol Service 7pm - Tuesday 15th December
Holy Communion 10.30am - Sunday 20th December
Christmas Eve 3pm Crib and Christingle Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10.30am Family Service



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Assembly is on Monday 14th December. Children are asked to bring in a wrapped pre owned or new toy/game labelled for another child. Or a gift for an elderly lady or gentleman. These will gratefully be received and distributed by St Nicholas Church. It is good to know that amidst all the rush and bustle of Christmas, the true meaning of this special time is celebrated. Again, your generosity is much appreciated.



PTFA DISCO – TONIGHT Friday 11th December

KS1 Disco is 5pm – 6pm and KS2 Disco is 6:30pm – 7:45pm. Entrance via the car park.

Letters sent home this week:

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