



**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our PSHE curriculum and our continuing work to develop all children's social, emotional and behavioural skills we are taking part in Anti Bullying Week all this week, 14 - 18 November.

Our week of activities will coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week and will shine a light on bullying, sending a clear message that it is neither acceptable nor inevitable in a school community.

The Department for Education defines bullying as "Behaviour by an individual or group, repeatedly over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group". Bullying can take many forms including:

*Physical, Verbal, Emotional, Sexual, Homophobic and Cyber*

Sadly, bullying takes place in all communities. The life of a victim of bullying can be made a misery: it undermines their confidence and self-esteem. Bullying impacts on a victim's attendance and attainment at school and can have a lifelong negative impact on young people's lives. National Anti-Bullying week has clear aims:

- To support young people to use their 'power for good' by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and can put a stop to bullying.
- To encourage individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
- To help parents and carers to support children with issues relating to bullying, working together with schools to stop bullying.
- For schools to create safe environments where students can thrive.

At St Nicholas we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all members of our community. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable. If bullying does occur, all pupils should have the confidence to tell someone they trust and to be confident that will be dealt with promptly.

During the week, children's timetables may change slightly. All their lessons will have a focus on helping pupils to develop the skills, understanding and confidence to recognise and act when they see or experience bullying. The lessons will be varied and involve the children in many fun activities linked to the anti-bullying theme.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**House Points** - week ending 11/11/16

<b>St Augustine</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>535</b>
<b>St George</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>St Peter</b>	<b>402</b>

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
 Start of Anti-bullying week

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
 Anti-bullying theatre production

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
 Children in Need day – non-uniform £1 donation  
 Y3 Skiing at Folkestone

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
 Y3 Skiing at Folkestone

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
 PTFA Christmas Fayre  
 3pm onwards

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 2pm KS1 Nativity

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 9.30am KS1 Nativity  
 1.45pm St Nicholas Day Assembly at Church

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 Pantomime Performances

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 Giving Tree Assembly with Rev Julie  
 Community Carols

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 KS1 Christmas Parties

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 School Christmas Dinner Day

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 KS2 Christmas Parties

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 Wear your Christmas Jumper Day  
 9.30am KS2 End of Term Carol Service  
 End of term

**Children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church**

For Pre-school Children, Parents & Carers – we meet every Wednesday, 1.45pm – 2.45pm, weekly during term times for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

## Attendance – Every Day Counts

School attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for St Nicholas Academy. We are constantly monitoring pupil attendance and want to work together with parents to help ensure excellent attendance and punctuality.

Please also remember that our doors open at 8.35 and the school day starts at 8.45 – being in school on time ensures that your child is ready to start the day the right way.

**Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.9%.**

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance in the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November:

- Maple 98.8%
- Hedgehogs 98.3%

The Class with the best punctuality was Hedgehogs with no Lates.

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

## Star Awards



**Star of the week awards went to: Squirrels:** Lilly M, **Otters:** Hollie D, **Owls:** Jaiden S, **Kites:** Bronwyn M, **Chestnut:** Roxy P

**Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs:** Henry B, **Badgers:** Lucy J, **Eagles:** Rhys L-S,

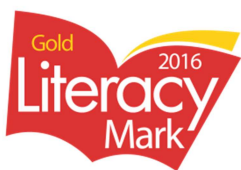
**Kestrels:** Charlie S, **Birch:** Gabriel S-J, **Willow:** Madison C

## Children in Need



We plan to combine our anti bullying work with our wish to support Children in Need, raising money for vulnerable children who are often the victims of bullying. **Friday 18th November will be a non uniform 'show your spots' day.**

On this day we would like all children to come to school wearing something spotty. This could be a whole outfit or as simple as a pair of socks. ***All we ask for in return for being spotty is the donation of £1*** to support our communities' most vulnerable children. If you wish to make an additional contribution to our Children in Need collection, please send this with your child on Friday 18th November.



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**Messy Church Important Notice** – Please be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances there will be **no Messy Church on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

## School Dinner payments

Parents can now pay for their children's school dinners online!

No more looking for cash each week, just go to our school meals provider's website

[www.nourishcontractcatering.co.uk](http://www.nourishcontractcatering.co.uk), click on 'Online Payments' and sign your child up today.

You can pay for a week at a time, monthly, or termly it's up to you. Complete your order by Sunday evening for the coming week's meals.

## Buster Book Club competition

Next week we will be looking to choose the top 100 readers from across the school to take part in a competition with the 3Rs Teacher Supply Agency.

It is 3Rs 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and to celebrate we have been chosen as a school to take part in a balloon release. 100 children will be chosen to take part by using Buster's book club readers, those with most minutes read will take part. The balloon which travels the furthest will win a selection of books for their class.



This weeks collective worship focus is:

**ANTI-BULLYING**

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone...but love your neighbour as yourself.

**Leviticus 19:18**

**Romney Marsh  
Community Church –  
Friday Club**

Meets Friday 6 - 7.30pm  
for children in school  
Years 3 – 6

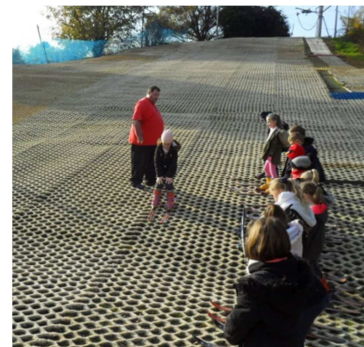
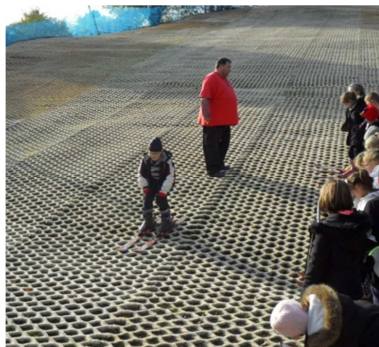
It's an informal social time for children to join in with fun games and activities and chill together.

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## Activities across St Nicholas last week...

### Year 3 Skiing

Last week some of Year 3 students went on a Ski Taster Session at Folkestone Sports Centre. The great reviews from the children were lovely to hear.



### Year 5 Cathedral Visit

On Tuesday last week our Year 5 students took part in the Cathedral School's Day held at Canterbury Cathedral. They took part in lots of different activities and acts of worship throughout the day.

