



Tuesday 13th December 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our newsletter is a day later than normal as I wanted to have the opportunity to share some of the Christmas activities that have been taking place across the school before we finish the term.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for the kind donations that came into school yesterday to support children and families less fortunate than us in the Giving Tree Assembly. These gifts now will be distributed to needy families in our community. We were fortunate to be joined in our service by Eli baby brother to Bobby and Alesha. It was touching to see the gifts placed under the School Tree next to a baby - a reminder of why we give our gifts at Christmas and another fantastic example of our school community coming together.

Yesterday at the Giving Tree Service we were joined by The Mayor of New Romney, who presented two of our children with a prize for the Christmas Card competition, where children were invited to design a card for the Mayor. Congratulations to both Molly and Nathan who each won a book token.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families on behalf of the Governors and Staff for your support of the school this year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher



Congratulations

Mr & Mrs Darling-Dryburgh are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, Alistair Wallace on Wednesday 7th December weighing 5lbs 2oz. Although Alistair was born 5 weeks early, I am very happy to report that both mother and baby are doing incredibly well. We would like to send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to them all.

House Points - week ending 9/12/16

The team with greatest number of House Points this term is **St Nicholas House** – **As a result St Nicholas House will have a Home Clothes Day on Wednesday 14th (tomorrow)** the same day as the schools Christmas Dinner Day.

I would be grateful if children would wear clothes that are suitable for the weather and the season we are currently in!

St Augustine	2453	St Nicholas	3091
St George	3084	St Peter	2310

Dates for your diary

Tues 13th Dec
 KS1 Christmas Parties

Wed 14th Dec
 School Christmas Dinner Day

Thurs 15th Dec
 KS2 Christmas Parties

Fri 16th Dec
 Wear your Christmas Jumper Day

9.15am KS2 End of Term Carol Service

End of term

3.15pm Messy Church



Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Wed 11th Jan
 Bikeability – more details to follow

Week beginning Mon 16th Jan
 Science, Tech & Maths Week

Kent School Games Basketball

Wed 18th Jan
 Kent School Games Handball

Fri 20th Jan
 Year R, 1 & 2 Fun Factory day

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.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96.2%.

Class attendance rates this year!			
Hedgehogs	97.5%	Kites	97%
Squirrels	95.9%	Chestnut	95.5%
Badgers	96.8%	Birch	97%
Otters	96%	Maple	96.7%
Owls	97.3%	Willow	95.9%
Eagles	94.8%	Rowan	94.4%
Kestrels	95.4%	Beech	96.5%

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

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

Collective Worship

This weeks collective worship focus is:

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2 v 9



Christmas Card Design

Well done to all the children who took part in the Mayors Christmas Card competition this year.

The theme of the competition was 'A New Romney Christmas' The winning design will feature on this year's Mayoral Christmas Card.

The winners were presented with their certificate and book tokens from The Mayor of New Romney, Cllr Patricia Rolfe at our Giving Tree Service.

Our Current Value is, **RESPECT**



Caring enough to think about others!

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: , Badgers: Elise B, Owls: Rubie-May Y, Kites: Ashleigh R, Chestnut: Medard B-G, Maple: Charlie R

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Thomas C, Otters: Summer H, Eagles: Florence R, Birch: Katherine R, Willow: Nicole H,



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16th December

The children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper this Friday. All we ask is that children wear all other school uniform as normal and change their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper.

Messy Church

A reminder that Messy Church at St Nicholas Church, takes place this Friday with a Messy Church Christmas Party from 3.15pm.



At St Nicholas we have been....

Congratulations to the Basketball team! They came first in the league and continue the sporting success of the school.



Giving Tree Service.

We were truly overwhelmed by the donations of support from everyone across the school. We filled over thirteen black sacks with your gifts. Thank you.



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