

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Newsletter**



Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy time at St Nicholas over the course of the last two weeks. Last week the children took part in the National Anti-Bullying Week of activities. At St Nicholas anti-bullying is not confined to one week, we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

Our odd sock day was used to promote the fact we are all different and we are all equal. If your child is experiencing difficulties at school do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



Over the past two weeks we have had visitors come from other schools, we were visited by the Maths Leader of Sandgate last week who looked at a range of the pupils work from different year groups. The maths lead was very complimentary to Mrs Lee, our Maths Leader about the books he had seen. Also this week, apart from having Brian Moses in to work with children at the school again, we had a visit from staff from schools to see our approach to teaching in writing. Our visitors were extremely impressed with the writing abilities of the children.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Children in Need.**



*A very big thank you for family's contributions to the very successful Children in Need total raised this year. Our Non-uniform event raised - £292.50*

**House Points** - week ending 24/11/17

This week's winners are...

St Augustine	679	St Nicholas	536
St George	692	St Peter	592

**Dates for your diary**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**  
 PTFA Christmas Fayre at 3pm

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 Year 3 Skiing Group 5

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 PTFA Christmas Disco

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 KS1 Nativity 1:45pm

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 KS1 Nativity 9:30am

Please return letters for tickets to the nativity.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 Christmas Lunch Day

Wear a Christmas jumper for Save the Children

Last day of term

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**  
 First day of term 3

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
 Last day of term 3

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
 Half Term

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
 First day of term 4

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
 Last day of term 4

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
 Good Friday Bank Holiday

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## Attendance – Every Day Counts

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.4%.

Class attendance rates this week (24/11/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	97%	Beech	91.7%
Squirrels	90%	Birch	91.3%
Badgers	87.7%	Chestnut	95%
Otters	97.5%	Maple	93.7%
Hare	97.6%	Willow	91.1%
Fox	87.8%	Elm	94%
Rowan	97.1%	Oak	95.6%

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



This term's collective worship focus is:

**TRUST**

I will bless the person who puts his trust in me.

**Jeremiah 17:7**

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## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Hedgehog:** Joseph H, **Badger:** Rose R, **Hare:** Keelie M, **Rowan:** Joshua P, **Chestnut:** Maddison R, **Maple:** Milli C.

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to Hare Class! – Well done**

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## Cold Weather

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

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## Road Safety Awareness

Last week your child took part in an assembly promoting safety on the roads. This week your child will be preparing and taking part in a KM road safety skill test at bronze, silver or gold level to assess their road sense. A key part of this test is their knowledge and understanding of the junior highway code. Knowledge of this code will help your child's understanding of the expected movements of road users as well as best practice when travelling as a pedestrian, cyclist or on a scooter. Attached are two documents to help support your child with this. We are aiming to complete the tests this week.

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## Head Lice

We have had quite a few cases of head lice in both KS1 and KS2. Please can you check your child's head during the week. Various treatments are available to buy over the counter and from the school office or, try the easier cheaper way, with conditioner and a nit comb. Remember the whole family need treating, not just the child.

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## Reverse Advent Calendar

This year the school will be participating in a reverse advent calendar instead of the giving tree. Please see the attached letter.

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## Reporting your child's absence

If your child is absent from school you must report their absence to the school by 9am on the first morning. This can be done via ParentMail under Notify Absence or by telephoning our absence line on **01797 363118** and leaving a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please do not call the school's main number to report absences.