



Friday 15th December 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at St Nicholas. The Christmas Disco last Friday was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening run so well.

Yesterday the choir and Key Stage 2 children performed their Carol Concert for Age Concern and other community groups. The singing was beautiful and the children performed with real enthusiasm.

Key Stage 1 have been practising hard for their Nativity which takes place on Monday and Tuesday next week. I look forward to seeing many of you there. I am also looking forward to seeing parents at the KS2 Christmas service at St Nicholas Church on Wednesday at 9.30am.

Finally on behalf of the Governors and staff at St Nicholas I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year. We look forward to seeing you all when we return on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Parent Council

As you will be aware from the last newsletter the Parent Council continues to go from strength to strength.

So far we have parent representatives for the following classes;

<u>Class</u>	<u>Parent(s)</u>
Oak	Gemma Rogers
Maple	Kim Finn
Chestnut	Tracy & Derek Haythorne
Birch	Jenny Ross
Fox	Donna Durling
Hare	Susie Guest
Badger	Tara & Ben Elphick
Squirrel	Stephanie Wayland
Hedgehog	Rebecca Philpott

It would be great to get parent representation for **Elm, Willow, Beech, Rowan** and **Otter** classes as well so that we can really get a whole school representation of our families.

The next Parent Council meeting is set to take place on **Monday 22nd January 2018 at 6.30pm**. (Crèche facilities will also be available.)

Dates for your diary

Mon 18th Dec
 KS1 Nativity 1:45pm

Tues 19th Dec
 KS1 Nativity 9:30am

Class Christmas parties

Wed 20th Dec
 Wear a Christmas jumper for 'Save the Children'

KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Church - 9.30am

Christmas lunch day

Last day of term

Children return to school on
Monday 8th January 2018



House Points - week ending 15/12/17

St Augustine	169	St Nicholas	174
St George	218	St Peter	168

Inclusion Breakfast – First Friday.

After the success of our last Inclusion Breakfast the next one will be held on **Friday 12th January 2018 at 8.35am** – first Friday back to school.

We will again be joined by Mrs Stephanie Wallace, SENCo at Temple Ewell Primary, who will be talking to parents about Autism.

All parents are welcome whether you have a child with a diagnosis or just want to learn more about Autistic Spectrum Condition.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

If your child is absent from school, you must report their absence 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.

Our whole-school attendance so far, this year is 95.5%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehogs	89.5%	Rowan	98.1%
Squirrels	93.7%	Chestnut	95.8%
Badgers	94.1%	Birch	95%
Otters	97.5%	Maple	94.4%
Fox	89.1%	Willow	96.1%
Hare	90%	Oak	94.4%
Beech	96.1%	Elm	90.8%

Volunteer Readers

We are looking for more volunteers to help children with reading.

Could you or perhaps a retired member of your family spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer? Please speak to Hayley in the school office or contact her on 01797 361906 for further details.

Shepway Autism Support Group – SASG

The SASG hold monthly coffee mornings for parents and carers of children / young people on the autism spectrum. Why not go along for a coffee and a chat with other parents?

All are welcome, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or just want to learn more about Autistic Spectrum Condition. Meetings take place at Conference room, The Beacon, Park Farm Road, Folkestone, CT19 5DN. Time: 10am - 12pm

The dates for the next meetings are: Monday 8th January 2018, Monday 5th February & Monday 5th March 2018



Angels found on school fence!

As many of you will be aware, when the children arrived at school this morning there were Christmas Angels attached to the school fence with a message of Christmas wishes from New Romney Methodist Church. Thank you to all who made the angels and left them for the children to find.

Lantern Parade in New Romney

Tonight Friday 15th December at 5:15pm starting at West St. with Rotary Santa Sleigh, the Mayor and Fire Service. Shops open late with REAL REINDEER at That Pet Shop, SANTA'S GROTTO at Sweets & Treats Shop, FACE PAINTING at Capelli's. Other shops will have food and drink. Parade ends at THE OLD SCHOOL, Church Lane with tree lights and carol singers. Refreshments available.



This week's collective worship focus is:

TRUST

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

Jeremiah 17:7



Today, 15th Dec 3.15 to 4.30pm at St Nicholas Church

Are you following us on Twitter?



We now have 298 followers!

@St_Nicholas_CEP

11th December 2017

Dear Resident

Electricity Works - Rolfe Lane, New Romney (Ref 520074406)

On behalf of UK Power Networks I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by essential work, necessary to divert High and Low Voltage Cables in Rolfe Lane, New Romney

To carry out this work we will need to close Rolfe Lane to vehicle traffic between the 8th January and 19th January 2018. There will be a signed alternative route in place during this period. Access will be maintained during the works, but there will be no through route.

During this time we will be diverting cables to facilitate the progression of the new housing development

We will always maintain access to residential properties during our work but inevitably there will be some disruption. Please be assured we will always try to keep any disruption to a minimum and your understanding is very much appreciated.

If you would like to discuss any issues relating to this work I will be pleased to help and can be contacted on **01622 626004** during office hours.

Yours sincerely

Karen Crawford

Field Engineer
Network Operations, UK Power Networks