# Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 **St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled) Primary School - Weekly Newsletter** Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those parents who completed the online Ofsted Parent Survey. This combined with the guestionnaire you completed recently will help the Ofsted Inspectors form a picture of our school.

There are lots of opportunities in the coming weeks for parents to visit the school to find out more about the changes we have introduced. Please see below for more information about our Curriculum Workshops, Stay and Learn sessions and Open Days: as ever you are all very welcome to attend. As we go into December, and the Christmas Season starts, parents are also welcome to join us for our PTFA Christmas Fayre, Infant Nativity, Giving Tree Assembly and the Junior Carol Service at St Nicholas Church.

Please don't forget that the school is closed tomorrow (Friday 27th November) for Staff Development.

Wishing you all a very good extended weekend. Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale Headteacher

## **Curriculum Workshops**

I do look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Reading Workshop being run by Miss Barrow (Y6) and Mrs Pearce (YR), where advice will be offered to parents on how to help their child with reading. The session will take place on



100%

96.9%

93.3%

91.2%

92.4%

93.5%

## TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER for Key Stage 2 Parents.

Reading is a life skill and one where parental help can have the biggest impact on a child's educational outcomes and life chances

### **PTFA Christmas Favre**

The Christmas Fayre is taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. Please come to the school office where you can buy a ticket for £1.50 for your child to see Father Christmas. All offers of help with the fayre will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you.

## Attendance

Well done to Hedgehogs class who achieved 100% attendance this week.

Hedgehogs

Badgers

Owls

**Kites** 

Maple

Chestnuts

Whole school attendance was 94.2%

#### **Class attendances were:**

Squirrels	94.1%
Otter	97.8%
Eagles	97.7%
Kestrels	94.9%
Birch	93.9%
Willow	97%
Rowan	82.8%

Our target for attendance is 96.6%,

# **Dates for your** diary

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Year 4/5 walking to the beach

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec PTFA Fayre at 3pm

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Nativity 1.45pm

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Nativity 9.30am

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec PTFA Disco

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Giving Tree Assembly 9am

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec School Christmas Dinner

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Junior Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 9:15am

## **TERM DATES**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Term 2 ends at 3pm Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Term 3 Children return to school Staff Development Davs The school will be

closed to children on these dates Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July



We would like to wish Keith Reynolds our Caretaker of 17years a long and happy retirement. Although today is his last day, we will be celebrating with him over the coming weeks.



Do you know of any elderly members of the

community that would like to come and listen to the children sing carols whilst they enjoy tea and cake on

Monday 14th December 2015 2pm At St Nicholas Primary School New Romney



Please contact the school office with their name and address

## **STAY & LEARN**

Drop-in sessions, such as Stay and Learn, are a great way for families to meet each other and have a change of scene and activities. They are more flexible than a group, in that there is no expectation that parents/carers attend every week or get there for the start time. They can provide a relaxing way for parents to chat together, while their children take part in activities. However, they also offer a great opportunity to share ideas with parents and carers (in bite-size chunks) about how they can support their children's learning through everyday activities.

Year R is on Monday, Year 2 - Tuesday and Year 1 Thursday – We hope to see you there supporting your child's learning!

## Toys

It has been noticed that more and more children are coming into school with toys brought in from home. Can we please ensure that toys are kept at home so as to avoid any upset that is caused should these items become lost or damaged; this also includes collector type cards.

**Please Note** – Messy Church will **NOT** be held at the school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November but will be held at St Nicholas Church.

Letters sent home this week: Year 4/5 Trip to the beach. Cakes for PTFA Christmas Fayre.