



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

After many years of service as Deputy Headteacher of St. Nicholas Academy, Mrs Harper has decided to leave at the end of the summer term 2018. The governors and staff are extremely grateful for her leadership and support throughout her years at the school.

In view of Mrs. Harper's departure, the governors are keen to ensure the school has a strong leadership team in place. The governing body has already started the recruitment process to ensure a suitable appointment is made before the end of the school year. We will keep you updated with this development and I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Harper every success for the future.

This evening parents should receive a letter notifying them of our introduction of a new reward system Class Dojo, which is a communication app for the classroom connecting teachers, parents, and students. Parents should receive an invitation to join their child's class page with the letter – I do hope parents will 'sign up'. Please see your child's class teacher if you don't get a copy.

Please remember the date of our next Parent Council. This is due to take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm** and we will be joined on this occasion by the Community Warden. I am hoping for a good turnout of parents to attend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Reverse Advent Calendars**

As you are aware this year we would like to donate reverse advent boxes to our local food banks (in place of the giving tree assembly). We would like all children to bring in *one* gift each these will form the reverse advent calendars.

The advent boxes will then be taken to St Nicholas Church to be donated on Wednesday 20th December ready for Christmas. This will support our local community. The dates we would like different classes to bring their gifts in are;

- Monday 4th December **Year R & Year 4**
- Tuesday 5th December **Year 1**
- Thursday 7th December **Year 2 & Year 3**
- Friday 8th December **Year 5 & Year 6**

Thank you in advance for supporting the community in this way.

**Dates for your diary**

**Fri 1st Dec**

PTFA Christmas Fayre  
at 3pm

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Parent Forum meeting  
at 6.30pm Junior Hall

**Thurs 7th Dec**

Year 3 Skiing Group 5

**Fri 8th Dec**

Inclusion Breakfast  
from 9am – 10am

PTFA Christmas Disco  
KS1 5pm – 6pm  
KS2 6:30pm – 7:45pm

**Mon 18th Dec**

KS1 Nativity 1:45pm

**Tues 19th Dec**

KS1 Nativity 9:30am  
Please return letters  
for tickets to the  
nativity.

**Wed 20th Dec**

Wear a Christmas  
jumper for Save the  
Children.

Christmas lunch day  
Last day of term

**Children return to  
school on Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## House Points - week ending 1/12/17

St Augustine	162	St Nicholas	200
St George	143	St Peter	235

## 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	97%	Rowan	96.2%
Squirrels	92.6%	Chestnut	97.9%
Badgers	96.4%	Birch	92.5%
Otters	99%	Maple	96.3%
Hare	97.6%	Willow	93.9%
Fox	95.2%	Oak	92.8%
Beech	97.4%	Elm	92.4%



This weeks collective worship focus is:  
**TRUST**

I will bless the person who puts his trust in me.  
**Jeremiah 17:7**

## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrels:** Kenny G, **Otters:** Amelia T, **Fox:** Harry D,  
**Beech:** Edward M, **Birch:** George C, **Willow:** Isabel W, **Elm:** Jake M



**Nicholas Bear was awarded to. Otters and Badgers!**

## Inclusion Breakfast

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please come and join us for our first Inclusion Breakfast on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Training Room from 9am – 10 am.

We will be joined by Mrs Wallace, SENCO at Temple Ewell and can discuss a range of SEN ideas over tea and croissants.

Look forward to seeing you there.

## Open Day

Following the success of this year's Open Day we will be holding another on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Tour's of the school will take place at 2pm and 6pm.