



Friday 8th December 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations are well under way in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 for our Christmas Nativity. Children have been rehearsing songs and learning lines and I am really looking forward to our first performance.

I have ensured many of the key Christmas dates have been included on this week's edition of the newsletter again so parents can make plans to join us for the many Christmas celebrations taking place at school.

I have been truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent's with regards to the 'reverse advent' we introduced this year. At a time when we ask to support the school and wider community through non-uniform events such as 'Children in Need' and the school PTFA, we are truly appreciative. These events are to remind us of our responsibilities towards our fellow people – in which the community of St Nicholas has not found itself wanting. *I would like to express my thanks to each of you all in such tough times in supporting all these causes.*

I was delighted to be able to attend the Pilgrims Hospice Carol Service this year held at St Nicholas Church in remembrance of our departed friends and loved ones. The school choir took part and I am grateful to all those families who made sure their children could attend to make the service a special one for those who attended from all over the district. My thanks also to Mrs Double who worked with the children on their arrangements. Please see the photos of the Pilgrims Hospice and St Nicholas Service at the end of this newsletter.

This week was the second meeting of the Parent Council and we were delighted to have so many parents join us on this occasion doubling our previous total. Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 22nd January 2018 at 6.30pm** where a creche will be made available for all those who wish to attend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School Open Day

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

The Open Day is for all those parents who are looking for places for their children as part of the September 2018 admissions.

If you know of any parents who have a child who will be five during the 2018/2019 academic year, do let them know of our Open day event. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Fri 8th Dec

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

Mon 11th Dec

Christmas post box opens - All cards must have full names and class
Whole school panto

Mon 18th Dec

KS1 Nativity 1:45pm

Tues 19th Dec

KS1 Nativity 9:30am

Wed 20th Dec

KS2 Christmas Carol Service, 9:30am at St Nicholas Church

Wear a Christmas jumper for 'Save the Children'

Christmas lunch day

Last day of term

Children return to school on
Monday 8th January
2018



House Points - week ending 7/12/17

St Augustine	156	St Nicholas	212
St George	222	St Peter	124

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 95.6%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98%	Rowan	97.6%
Squirrel	96.8%	Chestnut	95%
Badger	95.5%	Birch	98.8%
Otters	97%	Maple	96.3%
Hare	95.6%	Willow	97.1%
Fox	97.8%	Oak	97.2%
Beech	97.8%	Elm	96%



This weeks collective worship focus is:
TRUST

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

Christmas Post Box

From Monday 11th December the postbox will be open. Please make sure all cards have the child's name and class.

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Eric K, **Badger:** Lillian D, **Hare:** Carmela Q, **Rowan:** Jaiden S, **Chestnut:** Harry D, **Maple:** Roxy P, **Oak:** Loui-Joe N



Nicholas Bear was awarded to Fox!



Cooking celebrations

Congratulations to Boglar for winning the family group of the Young Cooks Championships 2017, she wowed the judges!

Pilgrims Hospice Service and St Nicholas Day celebrations.

