



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage One had a wonderful time performing their Nativity this week wowing their family and teachers! They showed every core value; making the right choices, showing grit and determination as well as versatility. Thank you to all of our parents for their support over this very busy term, the children wouldn't have had such excellent performances without your support.

Over the course of the remaining days we will have celebrated 2 Nativities, had a Christmas Disco, a Carol Concert and have served 380 Christmas dinners. It is an absolutely lovely time to be in school where, despite the 'distractions' we have managed to ensure that our focus has continued to be on learning to be literate, numerate and develop a curiosity to find out about the world. My thanks of course to the skills of the staff at St Nicholas who are all focussed on every child achieving their full potential, as well as the terrific partnership the school enjoys with parents.

I would love every child to continue to work on their reading and times tables over Christmas. Even at this special time for children and families please find a few minutes each day to ensure that the children's formal learning does not stop. I will of course excuse you of this on Christmas Day and Boxing Day!!!

The end of term sees the departure from our staff of a valued colleague who is moving on to pastures new. I would like to wish Mrs Rixson all the very best for the future as she leaves us as a Midday Supervisor/TA to take up a post at The Marsh Academy. We wish her all the very best for the future.

On behalf of all at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy may I wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. The school will open for Term 3 at 8:35am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Year 5 Hockey**

Year 5 hockey coaching will start on Thursday afternoons commencing 17<sup>th</sup> January for 5 weeks.

Can parents please make sure their child has their PE kit in school. These lessons will be in addition to your child's normal PE lessons.

**Dates for your diary**

**December 2018**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 Parties

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Parties

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Dinner &  
 Christmas Jumper Day

**KS2 Christmas**

Service at St Nicholas  
 Church 9:30am

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**January 2019**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

Start of Term

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting for Y5 Parents  
 regarding the Y6  
 Bushcraft residential in  
 September 2019 at

6:30pm. Please see your email  
 for the video link to this amazing  
 opportunity.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

**Reading Plus** – need to  
 know more? Session  
 suitable for Y4, 5 & 6  
 parents

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2:15pm**

**Teaching Times Tables**

Suitable for ALL parents  
 Y2 upwards

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2:30pm**

**The Phonics Screen**

Suitable for Y1 parents.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan  
 2:30pm**

**SEE YOU THERE!**





## Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately with **Early Morning Work** when the class doors open at 8.35am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child.



This term's collective worship focus is:  
**COMPASSION**

Our whole-school attendance this week was **96%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	93.8%	Rowan	95.9%
Squirrel	97%	Beech	95.8%
Badger	95%	Birch	95.4%
Otter	93.3%	Maple	95.7%
Fox	97.7%	Willow	96.1%
Hare	93.2%	Oak	97.6%
Chestnut	98.6%	Elm	95.8%

## Well done this week to

- Fox
- Chestnut

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

## Internet Safety – some advice from Miss Franks our E-Learning Lead

According to research the early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote social development and creativity. But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online. Therefore knowing your child's online behaviours is an important step in keeping them safe. This week (via parent mail) you have been sent online safety guides for children of primary school age, this will provide you with some fantastic information on what you can do to give your child a safe, positive experience when online.

These guides are produced by Internet Matters [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk) which in my opinion is one of the best websites around for practical, free, clear advice on keeping your child safe. Click on the 'advice' link from the homepage and you will find a range of easy to use resources including a 'Grandparents guide to online safety' and information about apps your child may be asking to access. In the lead up to Christmas they have also produced an excellent tech-guide to buying smart toys.

Why not make yourself a cuppa and take a look? [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk)

## Reverse Advent

We would like to invite you to be a part of our school's reverse advent calendar. Thank you to those classes and families who have already contributed.

The purpose of a reverse advent calendar is to encourage everyone to think about how much we have and to support us in giving a something away each day.

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought to school from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

If for some reason you have not already donated send in one donation of a non perishable item to school and help someone less fortunate than you this Christmas.

Class for next week are:

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Otter
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Willow
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Maple

## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Key Stage 1:** Everyone for their wonderful Nativity performances,  
**Rowan:** Daisy May F, **Beech:** Jimmy R, **Willow:** Mia T, **Oak:** Lily-Mae S

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to: ROWAN**



## **Term Dates**

### **Spring Term**

*First day of term: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

*Half-term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**February 2019**

*Last day of term: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

### **Summer Term**

*First day of term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019*

*May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

*Half-term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

*Last day of term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019*

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## **Basketball success**

It has been another fabulous week of sporting success. Eighteen children have represented their school with pride. This week pupils from Years 5 & 6 represented the school at a Basketball event and took both second and third place. These moments demonstrate our pupil's ability to support one another and encourage each other like great sports people should. Well done to all those involved, especially Miss Arnold and Miss Cox, and thank you for being the St Nicholas winners we knew you could be!

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