



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached that time of year once again when we need to remind parents of our severe weather protocols.

We will always try to keep the school open in the event of snow. However should our heating fail, the site be unsafe or insufficient staff are able to travel to school, we would have to make the decision to close. Should we need to close this will be announced in the following ways:

- a text sent via ParentMail to the main contact.
- an announcement on [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk)
- the following radio stations KMFM, BBC Radio Kent or Heart FM will announce school closures.
- A notice will be placed on the school's Twitter page @St\_Nicholas\_CEP

**What can parents do to help?**

- Please approach the school from the main school entrance.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – coats, gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc or even a change of clothing all clearly named
- If you are a working parent/carer or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.
- Please visit [kent.gov.uk/winter](http://kent.gov.uk/winter) for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.

If conditions worsen during the school day and parents/carers feel it is absolutely necessary to collect children the school should be contacted prior to collection.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

This term Parent Consultations are due to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Appointments are booked using ParentMail and you will receive in the next week a ParentMail message when they are available for you to book.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm we will be holding our usual Open Classes allowing parents the opportunity to review your child's work in preparation for the consultation evening.

We do hope parents are able to attend both events.

**Dates for your diary**

**February**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Y3 & Y4 Able Writers Day with Brian Moses  
St Nicholas PoPA meeting 2:15pm
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Safer Internet Day
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Change for Life conference
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Open Classes for all year groups 3pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Teacher Consultations
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Squash Crazy for Y3 & Y4
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**  
End of term
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Children return to school
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Safety in Action event Y6

**March**

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Y6 Secondary School Allocation
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Yr5/6 Team Football 10.00 – 3.00pm
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Y5 Tri-Golf



## St Nicholas PoPA

A reminder that St Nicholas PoPA – Parents of Pupils Association aimed at parents/ carers and grandparents have their launch meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm.

Even if you don't wish to be a committee member please come along on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February and share with us your ideas or how you would like to lend your support or email us with your ideas



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



## St Nicholas Parent Maths Classes

So far over 30 parents have achieved Maths and English qualifications in our Adult Education classes. We currently have 13 adults studying Maths and 9 studying English this year.

All teaching their children a lifelong love of learning.

## Congratulations

One of our Year 2 Infant Agility teams had the top score in Shepway out of 26 teams who took part. In addition to the heat the children won on Monday, the team - Courage - had the highest score so they have qualified for the county finals on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Well done to all involved.



## Star Awards



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Otter:** Harry H, **Hare:** Poppy J, **Rowan:** Riley O, **Beech:** Keeley G,

**Willow:** George C, **Elm:** Megan W

## ParentMail – Dinner Money Payments

From Friday 1st February you will be able to pay for your child's school lunches using ParentMail.

Under the Payments section of your ParentMail in the "Shop" tab there is an option for Nourish School Lunches.

If your child is in Year R, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3-6 and entitled to Free School Meals then no payment needs to be made as they are entitled to the Universal Infant Free School Meal provided by the Government.

Please note that school lunches **must be paid on a Monday for the week ahead.**

If you have any queries please see Hayley in the School Office.

## Reminder - Important dates for Years 1, 2 and 6

**Year 1** - The Year 1 phonics test will take place during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June (Year 2 retakes will also take place during this week).

**Year 2** - Year 2 SATs tests will take place during May.

**Year 6** – Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. These are National Tests and your child is required to attend school every day during this week.

**Year 4** - The new Year 4 multiplication tables check is due to be taken during the three-week period from 10 June 2019 with the school involved in the pilot this year.

Please avoid making any appointments during these dates. **No leave will be authorised for children in these year groups during this time.**