



Monday 28th January 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a very cold week at St Nicholas last week. This week is all set for being very similar so please continue to send your children to school well wrapped up for playtimes and lunchtimes while ensuring they are in the correct uniform.

I would like to thank our parents and families for working with us on our whole school attendance. It is something I raise frequently with all families in the newsletter and after a lot of communication on the subject we are beginning to see noticeable improvements in moving towards the school target of 96%.

As a school we meet with the families whose attendance is causing concern and the Schools Liaison Officer (SLO) who works for the Local Authority is also in attendance. Sometimes as a result of these meetings no further action is needed as we can see an improvement but when these meetings don't have the desired effect, we often have to take the next step, which may involve the courts. I am pleased to say there are fewer occasions where this is being used.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

St Nicholas PoPA

We are pleased to inform you that the PTFA has been reformed and will from now on be known as St Nicholas PoPA – Parents of Pupils Association.

Our new Chair is Aimee Rayner and she would like to invite all parents/carers (and grandparents) to a launch meeting of the newly formed PoPA on **Monday 4th February at 2:15pm**.

PoPA have already arranged for a number of events to take place over the coming terms and we would like as many parents as possible to be involved in raising valuable funds for the children at St Nicholas. Planned events include:

- World Book Day Cake Sale - Thursday 7th March
- Own clothes day if you 'Bring a Bottle' on Friday 29th March (for our Auction of Promises)
- Auction of Promises on Friday 26th April – more details to follow
- PoPA Film Night 6:30pm on Friday 17th May

Even if you don't want to be a committee member please come along on **Monday 4th February** and share with us your ideas, or how you would like to lend your support.

Dates for your diary

January

Mon 28th

Y2 Infant Agility at Marsh Academy 1-3pm

6:30pm Parent Council

Thurs 31st

Y5 Hockey coaching – Week 3 please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

February

Mon 4th

Y3 & Y4 Able Writers Day with Brian Moses

Tues 5th

Safer Internet Day

Thurs 7th

Change for Life Conference

Fri 11th

Open Classes for all classes 3.00pm

Wed 13th

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thurs 14th

Squash Crazy for Y3 & Y4

Fri 15th

End of term

Mon 25th

Children return to school

Wed 27th

Y6 Safety in Action event

March

Fri 1st

Year 6 Secondary School Allocation

Mon 4th

Y5/6 Team Football 10:00 – 3:00pm

POPA meeting 2:15pm

Tues 5th

Y5 Tri-Golf



Someone different collecting your child?

We would like to remind parents that if you are unexpectedly unable to collect your child from school at home time and arrange for someone different to collect them, please contact the school office for safeguarding purposes.

It can be very embarrassing for members of staff to have to deal with these situations if the usual parent is not collecting their child.



This term's collective worship focus is:
FRIENDSHIP

St Nicholas is taking part in the BBC 500 Words

BBC 500 Words – competition launch

The Radio 2 500 Words competition launches on, Tuesday 29th January. It is one of the most successful story-writing competitions for children in the world, and helps them to get excited about reading and writing.

How it works

It's very simple. Children write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer and submit it online. Over 130,000 children took part in the competition last year, and the winners have their stories read live on Radio 2 by a superstar celebrity!

There are two age categories: 5-9 and 10-13.

And finally...don't get hung up on spelling and grammar! The aim in this competition is to celebrate the wonderful imagination and creativity of children. It's a level playing field for anyone entering, why not give 500 Words a go!

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehog: Alfie S, **Badger:** Jack C, **Fox:** Roman V, **Chestnut:** Aiden M & Jasmine S,
Birch: Sophie L, **Maple:** Kyra D, **Oak:** Owen S

Important dates for Years 1, 2 and 6

Year 1 - The Year 1 phonics test will take place during the week beginning 10th 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 13th 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.

Break Time Snacks & Birthday Treats

If you are bringing in birthday treats for the class please make sure that they are:

- Nut free
- Individually wrapped (if you bring in a cake, it will need to be pre-cut and ready to hand out to children – we will have to return home if this is not done as teachers don't have the time to organise this)
- Accompanied by all recipe ingredients so that children's allergies can be checked.

Please can I remind parents that snacks being brought into school for break time should be fruit or vegetables only. Cereal bars, sweets and biscuits are not acceptable alternatives.