



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear parents and carers,

Our school is currently working to achieve a school improvement award. We are currently working with the Parent Group LPPA. This group have organised a questionnaire for parents to complete. Their guidance says the questionnaire should be aimed at parents of children in Year 3 upwards. If you have a child in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 please take the time to complete the questionnaire.

In order to evaluate our current provision we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better.

Many families have asked about Christmas events taking place in the school in the build up to the festive period. Please see the dates for your diary section for these events.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**The Sun Newspaper – Books for Schools Campaign**

Please could parents bring into school The Sun Newspaper Books For School's vouchers.

READ all about it! The Sun is giving away £12 million-worth of books as part of our amazing Books For Schools campaign, which launches this weekend. The giveaway will see each primary school that signs up receive a FREE box of books containing more than 100 titles worth £600. Each box will also contain bonus picture book There's A Snake In My School by No1 best-selling author David Walliams.



**Reverse Advent**

Items for our reverse advent calendar can be brought in to school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December when the items collected will be taken to the distribution centre. The calendar for donations is below for all those who would like to take part.

Date	Class
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elm
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rowan & Chestnut
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fox & Hare
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehog & Squirrel
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Birch

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Otter & Badger
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Willow
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Maple
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oak
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Beech

**Dates for your diary**

**November 2019**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 Group 3 Skiing

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 trip to Dover Castle

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**

**INSET DAY – school closed to children**

**December 2019**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Y5 trip to Kent Life

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 Group 4 Skiing

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St Nicholas Day – own clothes for St Nicholas House**

9:15am St Nicholas

Day Church Service – pupils only

Whole school PANTO

5-6pm KS1 disco

6:30-7:45pm KS2 disco

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>**

School Choir singing at Canterbury Cathedral

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

2:30pm Y2 celebration of learning

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am YR Nativity

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:45pm KS1 Nativity performance

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am KS1 Nativity performance

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am KS2 Carol service at St Nicholas Church – families welcome

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

**LAST DAY OF TERM**



## 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.

We presently have 69 families whose children have attendance which falls below the 90% mark. An attendance rate of 90% represents 19 days absence a year. Our young people in this group are missing a month of school per year. If we continue to allow this it would be difficult for those children to achieve their best. Parents and carers of young people in this group are likely to be issued with a penalty notice.

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	95.1%	Rowan	94.8%
Squirrel	93.6%	Beech	94.6%
Badger	90.4%	Birch	92.9%
Otter	94.1%	Maple	98.5%
Fox	90.4%	Willow	94%
Hare	98%	Oak	95.6%
Chestnut	92.4%	Elm	91.5%

## Well done this week to

- Hare
- Maple



This term's collective worship focus is:

### COMMUNITY

"let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24–25

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

## Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Alexis G, **Badger:** Reggie P, **Fox:** Ellie M, **Rowan:** Lily-May B,

**Birch:** Keira H, **Willow:** Boglar B-G, **Elm:** Daniel S

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to OAK CLASS – well done!**



## Cold Weather

Now the weather has turned much colder can you please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

On wet days if your child wears their welly boots to school they must bring their school shoes to change into. We still have children turning up at school on a daily basis without a coat. This is unacceptable. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to Leo N, Harry G, Rose R and Harry C who have qualified for the Kent Junior Schools' Cross Country Championships this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Brands Hatch.

This is an amazing achievement and we wish them all the best of luck for Saturday.



## Nut Free School

I would like to remind parents and carers that St Nicholas is a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not have peanut butter, chocolate spread and any other items that may contain nuts in their lunchboxes. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Class Reading Challenge

A new class reading challenge has started at St Nicholas. To be in with a chance of their class winning children will need to read at least 4 times a week (Thursday to Thursday). The recommended times are YR-Y2 10mins and Y3-Y6 20 mins. Good luck!

## Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs. If you give consent for your child to attend an after school club they will be expected to attend every week unless a parent informs the School Office otherwise.

**Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust**

## Cross Country Championships Results

Despite it being a cold and wet day the children persevered and took part in the Cross Country County Championships. We are very proud of their efforts and results, especially as the distance was further than our usual cross country course.

Harry C - 1200m in 6.27 22nd out of 127runners

Rose R - 1200m in 8.04 59th out of 96 runners

Harry G - 1200m in 6.26 62nd out of 135 runners

Leo N - 2200m in 8.20 112th out of 160 runners

