



Friday 8th November 2019
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. The Parent Council have met this week and are working with me to create a new homework policy to be introduced across the school. It is a very exciting project we are looking at putting together and I very much look forward to sharing this with you in the New Year. We agreed to send out a questionnaire to parents, please look out for this next week as the school will use this to build an action plan to work towards achieving a national award.

The Parent Council also joined the children & I for lunch and playtime this week, I was particularly humbled when one parent said to me *"I am so proud my child attends this school."*

This week we had our Open Morning for prospective parents whose children may start in September 2020. It was a delight to have over 40 families attend and show them around the school allowing them the opportunity to see us at work.

As you will know, three pupils from St Nicholas attended the U11 Kent Football trials. There were 120 children for the Kent U11 squad invited to phase one and 28 have made it to the final selection for phase 2. Oscar and Rhys have been selected to go forward, our commiserations to Max on this occasion. No matter what the outcome we are so proud of them all for their achievements. The final trial will take place in two weeks' time in Gillingham.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

It will be the last chance to purchase poppies on Monday 11th November, Armistice Day. The whole school will have its own Armistice Service with a 2 minutes silence at 11am.

The image is a poppy tableau created by the Nurture Group children for our Service of Remembrance. Please do give generously and support this worthwhile cause.



*"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrows they gave their today."*

Dates for your diary

November 2019

Mon 11th

Whole school **Anti-bullying week**

3:30pm onwards open classes for all except Fox, Maple & Willow

YR & Y6 National Height & Weight Measurements

Tues 12th

Whole school – **Odd Socks Day**

3:30pm onwards open classes for **Fox, Maple & Willow**

Wed 13th

Y3 & Y4 Sports Hall Athletics 9:30am-1pm at Marsh Academy

Thurs 14th

Y1 Gymnastics sessions

Y1-Y6 Parent/Teacher Consultations 3:30pm – 8pm

YR Parent/Teacher Consultations all day

Fri 15th

Children in Need– spotty or dotty clothes for £1

Mon 18th

YR –Y6 winter flu vaccinations

Tues 19th

Y6 Tennis coaching

Wed 20th

Y5 Sports Hall Athletics 9:30am-1pm at Marsh Academy

Y3 Group 2 Skiing

Wed 27th

Y3 Group 3 Skiing

Thurs 28th

Y6 trip to Dover Castle

Fri 29th

INSET DAY – School closed to children

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Gracie D, **Fox:** Lilly C, **Rowan:** Eileena-Mae G, **Birch:** Henley R,

Willow: Sophie L, **Elm:** Jasmine J-S

Nicholas Bear was awarded to WILLOW CLASS – well done!

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will be taking place in schools across England this month including here at St Nicholas. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme Change Starts With Us and is happening from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November 2019.

During this week we will have two events – an **Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November** and for a £1 donation wear something spotty and dotty for Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

The theme for this year is:

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together we can challenge bullying.

Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

This year the goal is to inform children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited by this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying and other forms of abuse, racial or homophobic - **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!**

ODD SOCKS DAY – Tuesday 12th November

What is it?

Most importantly Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school or workplace, it couldn't be simpler, the more colourful the more fun! (PS - Children still need to wear their school uniform).

