



Friday 4th December 2020
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly the autumn term has flown by. There has been so much activity at school this week and the children have had another great week of learning across the school. Again we hope you will enjoy in sharing in some of the events which have taken place across the school this week.

It has been a very busy few weeks interviewing for additional posts within our school. Our staff team has increased by 20% since September. We now have additional support for lunchtime and in class support. We have appointed Mrs Collins and Miss Callander to our team of Lunchtime Assistants and Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Kay have joined our experienced team of teaching assistants.

Mrs Steer in the school office, will leave us in the New Year and while we wish her all the very best for the future, I am pleased to announce Ms Paice, having worked previously at Brockhill Secondary School, has already joined us. Next week I hope to make further appointments to our teaching support team.

As you may be aware yesterday the Secretary of State for Education announced [measures to support pupils in next year's exams and assessments](#). For 2021 the DfE have removed the following:

- all KS1 tests
- the KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- the need to report teacher assessment for science at KS1 and KS2

Wishing you all a safe weekend

Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Star of the Week

Congratulations to all our Star of the Week award winners this week.

Hedgehog: Charlie B, **Squirrel:** Darcy J,

Badger: Eva H, **Otter:** Maia J,

Fox: Boey D, **Hare:** Kallie C,

Chestnut: Ella I, **Rowan:** Oscar C

Beech: Eileena-Mae H, **Birch:** Aarna P,

Willow: Elise B,

Oak: Lottie L, **Elm:** Scarlett G



Find us on twitter & Follow us! - check out **@St_Nicholas_CEP** and see our sporting achievements on **@cep_sport**

Dates for your diary

Below are key dates for your diary which have been set as reminders via the Class Dojo Events pages;

Mon 7th Dec

St Nicholas Day lunch

Mon 14th Dec

Last day of delivery for school Christmas cards

Mon 14th & 15th Dec

Christmas around the world celebrations at school

Tues 15th Dec

Rotary Club Father Christmas visit

Thurs 17th Dec

Year Group Christmas Parties

Friday 18th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

End of Term

Mon 4th Jan 2021

Children return to school

For all of our most up to date information on term dates please see the school website

www.st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk



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 many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child as part of our 'catch-up' programme.



This term's collective worship focus is:
COMMUNITY

Our whole-school attendance this week was 95.5%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	93.7%	Chestnut	94.6%
Squirrel	94.3%	Birch	92.8%
Badger	90.6%	Beech	98.2%
Otter	89.5%	Maple	97.9%
Fox	92.1%	Willow	97.5%
Hare	96.3%	Oak	99.2%
Rowan	98.1%	Elm	98.1%

Well done this week to

- Hare
- Oak

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

Reverse Advent Collection



As parents will be aware this month we are making our Reverse Advent collection. I would like to thank all those families who have already contributed so far – your generosity has surpassed all expectation.

The Bible reminds us that God encourages us to take care of our neighbours. We remember the importance of maintaining our relationships and our community has certainly shown the way on this. Thank you.

For those who are waiting their turn in making a contribution, please see the class list for the collection day for each class.

Date	Class
Mon 7 th	Otter & Badger
Tues 8 th	Willow
Wed 9 th	Maple
Thurs 10 th	Oak
Fri 11 th	Beech & Birch

Below is a list of suggested items;

• Shampoo • Toothpaste • Toothbrushes • Hair brushes • Bubble Bath/ Shower Gel • Hand Soap • Christmas Crackers • Table Napkins • Tea/Coffee • Sugar • Bread Sauce Mix/Gravy Mix • Stuffing • Tins of Fruit • Tins of Chicken in Sauce • Tinned meat/meat pies • Pringles/Crisps • Marmalade/Jam • Christmas Pudding

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Year Group Focus

This week we are sharing work from Year 1. This week they had a real treat writing their Christmas letters, buying the stamps from Mrs Ailwood and posting their letters and seeing Father Christmas! We hope you enjoy the photos.



CARM Romney Marsh - Christmas Happy Post



We are delighted to have all the children involved in creating Christmas Happy Post for CARM (Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh) whose mission is to support people living on the Romney Marsh and its surrounding rural areas who are socially isolated. Over 300 cards contain special messages. We hope everyone enjoys the children's art work.
