



Thursday 25th November 2021
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week Parent Teacher Consultations take place. Sometimes meeting the class teacher can be a little daunting. Some parents have even said to me that they even feel a little apprehensive about what they might be told. Or if it is your first time, maybe you simply do not know what to expect.

If any of the above fits you then this guide below might help you.

To help you make the most of your ten-minute meeting you might like to read my three top tips for how to make the most of your parent teacher consultation.

Be prepared. Before the meeting, talk to your child to find out what they enjoy most about school, what they are finding hard and if they feel happy at school. Jot down any questions you may have to take with you.

Think about your questions. Consider what you want to ask the teacher, and in the meeting, feel free to ask a teacher to explain what they are telling you. If they use terms that you do not understand, don't be afraid to ask. Your questions for the teacher could include: What is my child good at? What does my child need help with? How can I help my child at home?

Make a commitment. After your consultation, talk to your child about the meeting, **praise** them for all their achievements and **encourage** their hard work.

Make a commitment to yourself and your child about one thing that will help your child. Make it realistic and manageable e.g. once a week we will play an extra maths game to help with number skills or every time we go to the shops you can count out my coins for me to help you with adding your money.

The class teacher knows your child very well. During the consultation meeting they will share information about:

- Your child's general behaviour, attendance and effort
- Your child's academic ability, general learning strengths and development areas
- How your child has settled into their new class/year group
- How you can support your child at home

Please remember this is a 10-minute slot, if you need a longer time to talk in depth about a specific concern, then you are welcome to make a separate appointment with your child's teacher.

I hope you find the information above informative and that it will help you make the most of your Parent Teacher Consultation meeting.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

November

Fri 26th

School closed to children

Tues 30th

Year 4 Advent Service

Year 6 swimming
(week 8 of 8)

December

Wed 1st

Parent /Teacher consultations

Fri 3rd

Year 3 Group 4 Skiing

Mon 6th

Year 5 Victorian Christmas at Kent Life museum

St Nicholas Day service at Church

Own clothes day for St Nicholas House

Wed 8th

Y1 & Y2 Nativity at 10am

Thurs 9th

Carols & Cake

Fri 10th

Whole school Panto Day
Year 3 Group 5 Skiing

Mon 13th

EYFS Tableaux at 9:30am

Carols in the Community- Singing in New Romney from 10:30am onwards

Y1+2 Nativity at 2pm

Tues 14th

EYFS Tableaux at 9:30am

Wed 15th

KS1 class parties
Christmas Disco

Thurs 16th

KS2 class parties

Fri 17th

9:30am KS2 Christingle Service

Open Classes

On **Monday 29th November** classrooms will be open **from 3pm to 3:45pm** to allow you to look at your child's books before the Parent Teacher Consultation. It will give you the opportunity to see how your child is doing in their daily work.

This is not a time to talk with the teacher, although they will be present – that's what the consultation is for - but you could use this time to look at your child's work and talk with them about what things they enjoy doing in different subjects.

Year 5 Parents – please note your evening will be on Tuesday 30th as the teachers have clubs on the Monday evening. Thank you.

Attendance Tea Party

Yesterday we had the November Attendance Tea Party for those children who had their names drawn from their class raffle ticket pots. Fourteen children joined Mr Dale, Mrs Turner and Clair, our attendance officer, to celebrate their excellent attendance.

If your child would like a chance to take part they need to be in school and on time for 100% of the week and they will receive a raffle ticket. The more times they are in for 100% the more chances they have of winning.

New Romney Lantern Parade

On **Sunday 28th November** there will be a Community Lantern Workshop at the Old School on Church Lane **between 10am and 4pm**. Children are able to come along with parents and make their lantern for the Lantern Parade on Friday 10th December.

All materials are **free** and children will be able to choose from a range of different style of lanterns to decorate.

Reverse Advent

At this time of year every year, we need to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As part of Reverse Advent, we will be collecting donations and sending them to the Rainbow Centre in time for Christmas. We need: non-perishable foods, toiletries, Christmas crackers etc. Your gifts really do make a difference to quality of Christmas some people have. Donations can be brought in from Monday 29th December until Friday 10th December. Thank you



Christmas Post Box

On Wednesday 1st December the Christmas Post Box will be returning to St Nicholas. The post box will be located by the School Office.

Children are welcome to post their Christmas Cards into the post box and the cards will be delivered during the afternoon.

Please make sure your child has addressed the envelope with the recipient's **name and class** on the envelope.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

At the end of last year, we sent out a survey about mental health and well-being. I am delighted to report back that the results were very positive considering the stressful couple of years we have all experienced due to COVID and lockdowns. I wanted to remind you that not only are we here for your children and as many of you are aware, we offer a range of strategies to support them but we are also happy to help and support parents even if that is just being somebody to talk to. Lisa Baker, our FLO is always happy to support, as are Mrs Turner and Clair who are both trained mental health leads and you can chat to them on the gate every morning and afternoon.
