

The St Nicholas Post

4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 2 and all its festivities. Children have come back into school with a great attitude and are really relishing the challenges of school life. They are keen to earn points for their new and improved houses and Courage, Resilience, Kindness, Honesty and Be the best you can be, have become a common language in the school. The children refer to these when they talk about their actions and attributes and it supports them in every aspect of school life—we hope you see the benefits at home too.

We are so pleased with the response to the October reading challenge and we had 90 returned! Continuing to read over breaks ensures that progress is maintained so thank you for your support on this. There will be a Christmas reading and maths challenge and we are hoping to get the return up past the 100 mark!

This is a busy term so we will use the text system to keep you informed of the events taking place. They are also on the school calendar on the website, but please do see the office if you have any queries at all.

Mrs Kennedy

Social Media

We keep our Facebook Page up to date—please follow us. We are also getting our Instagram account up and running. These are both a great way to keep up with all the great things that happen in school. So don't forget to give us a follow and a like!



<https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasatwadeprimaryschool>



<https://www.instagram.com/stnicholasatwadeprimaryschool/>

You will read about Reception's fabulous fireworks, Year 1's Letter from the Rainbow Princess, Year 4 and 5's hockey lessons and much more.

Look at Year 1's post: Year 1 received a letter from the Rainbow Princess. It asked them to follow the lily pads through the school grounds to the pond with Mr and Miss Frog in order to find the story.

As the story is set in a pond, the children explored the school pond area searching for newts and then brought the story to life by collaging the setting and characters using different mediums.



Reading News From Miss Kent:

We are delighted to let you know our library will be open for children in Years 2-6 to use at lunchtime from 12.30 -1.00 Tuesday – Friday. Children can drop in for some quiet reading time.

Recommended Reads for Term 2:***I want my Hat Back by Jon Klassen***

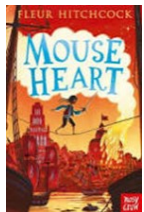
What's a bear to do when he's misplaced his hat? He has to ask all the other animals he meets whether they've seen it, of course! This charming picture book caught my eye immediately because of the humorous illustration on the cover, and I'm delighted to say that the contents are just as endearing. This story about a well-mannered bear on a quest to find his missing hat is told in simple language with gentle mischief. I chuckled quite a few times as I turned the pages, but the artwork is really where this book shines. *I Want My Hat Back* is a quick and funny read, and one that should be engaging not only for young book lovers, but entertaining for the adults in their lives as well.

Passionate about Penguins by Owen Davey

In this fascinating and factual illustrated book about our feathered friends you can find out everything you want to know about them. Did you know they can hold their breath for ½ hour and can swim x4 faster than an Olympic swimmer?



Meet Alex Neptune, the boy with the power of the ocean in his hands in **Alex Neptune Dragon Thief by David Owen**. For as long as Alex can remember the ocean has been trying to kill him so he's not too happy when a bunch of sea creatures drag him to the abandoned aquarium where an imprisoned water dragon needs his help. But how can he say no to a magical myth? Recruiting his friends Alex plots a heist to break the dragon out. This is a great adventure story. Fast-paced and full of heart and humour. It also carries a strong message about the environment and our impact on it. Featuring strong performances from an octopus named Kraken and a seagull named Pinch, I can heartily recommend this book. Pleased to say that there is a teaser for book 2 at the end, so this is not the last outing for Alex and his friends! Great for years 3 and 4.

Mouse Heart by Fleur Hitchcock

Bursting with period atmosphere and theatrical excitement, this gripping mystery from the author of *The Boy Who Flew* sets a foundling child on the trail of a cold-blooded killer, hidden amongst a troupe of actors. This atmospheric thriller, full of daring stunts and sinister villains, is perfect escapism for 9+ readers.

READING EVENTS THIS NOVEMBER ...

National Non-Fiction November lasts the whole month. Find out more at:

<https://fcbg.org.uk/nfn/>

World Nursery Rhyme Week, 14th - 18th November

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

Anti-Bullying Week, 14th - 18th November - Here is a great list of books all around this theme:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/bullying>

Miss Kent—English lead and lover of all things bookish :)

Thank you PTFA!

The children absolutely love the new play equipment that was purchased through the funds the PTFA have raised. This is also down to **the generosity of all our parents** who support the events so wholeheartedly. From the children of St Nicholas—THANK YOU



Please also look out for a **separate letter from the PTFA** with key dates and details on upcoming events. This letter supersedes any previous dates. Please add them to your diary.

Year 2 Splendid Skies

This week Year 2 have been on a nature walk—their hook day for the topic ‘Splendid Skies’ was brought to life by looking for signs of autumn and the changing of seasons. The children have had the perfect weather its been windy, rainy, sunny and very cold!



They were then asked to write about their nature walk and the results were amazing—well done year 2!

Fireworks— 4th November

A spectacular firework display is being held on Minster recreational ground on Friday 4th. **The event is free!** There will be stalls to buy traditional firework night food and drink.

You may be going to other events or even enjoying the fireworks in your own gardens—have fun but...

Remember to stay safe!