

The St Nicholas Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

20st October 2023

We have come to the end of a very busy and really productive term in school. The children know more than they did 7 weeks ago, they have read tens of thousands of words and completed thousands of calculations, they have been wartime historians, space explorers, biology brainiacs, woodland warriors, wrigglers and crawlers and some have even been on a road trip in the USA! Importantly, the children have all demonstrated our Christian values: courage, resilience, honesty and kindness in every element of school life, being the best they can be!

We are so proud of the effort they put into their learning and we are looking forward to this continuing! The progress the children are making in their reading is excellent and this supports every area of the curriculum, we want to ensure that this doesn't dip during holiday times and as such every child will come home with a reading challenge to complete. We hope it supports you at home with holiday time activities, Please encourage your children to complete these, it is working in partnership with you that will see your child achieve their very best outcomes.

Thank you for all your continued support, have a fabulous break.

Mrs Kennedy

Reading Challenge for the Half Term Holidays

As we approach the half term holidays, we want to encourage our pupils to embark on a Reading Challenge to make the most of those cosy Autumn days. The aim is to foster a love for reading and to promote the reading culture between school and home. This challenge will come home with your child today. Copies can be found here:

[Reception Reading Challenge](#)

[KS1 Reading Challenge](#)

[KS2 Reading Challenge](#)



Containing a variety of activities that the children can dip into to fit around your own family plans, we hope this Reading Challenge will inspire you and your child to explore new worlds, develop vocabulary, and encourage lifelong learning. So why not curl up with a book and a delicious hot chocolate and go on an adventure!

All children that take part in the Reading Challenge will be rewarded with house points and the chance to win a £10 National Book token.

We wish you and your family a restful half term break filled with many memorable reading moments!

Mrs Bullard, English Lead :)

Don't Forget the Fireworks– 28th October



A spectacular firework display is being held on Bell Meadow on 28th October. **The event is free!** There will be stalls to buy traditional firework night food and drink, it is a really great opportunity for the community to come together, it would be lovely to see lots of familiar faces. The PTFA will also be there raising funds for the school by selling glow sticks.

Parents Evening

A massive thank you to you all for attending a really successful evening. It is lovely to have parents and carers into school to give you a glimpse into your child's life here at St Nicholas. We know that you are the most important influence in your child's life so working together is so important. We also know that it is a huge responsibility and privilege to teach, and we take that very seriously, so the wonderful feedback that you have left was really gratefully received. We will of course continue to work to the same high standards that we hold the children to, constantly being reflective to be the best we can be.

Christmas Gift Appeal



The church are asking for donations of hygiene products for both men and women. These will be boxed up and given out at Christmas to really grateful recipients in the Thanet area. Useful items are tooth brushes, any toiletries, flannels, sanitary pads, razors, deodorant, toothpaste etc... Any donations are welcome.

Thank you

Key dates—Term 2

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30th Oct	Start of Term 2
1st Nov	EYFS Writing Parent Workshop—2.30pm and 6pm
3rd Nov	Primary admissions open
4th Nov	New Intake Open Day (10am—12noon)
6th Nov	Flu immunisations (whole school)
10th Nov	Non-Uniform day for Xmas Fair Donations
14th Nov	Y1 and Y2 Reading and Writing Parent Workshop—2.30pm
16th Nov	Kent Life Trip (Year 6)
17th Nov	Children in Need Day KS1 (Y1+Y2) Disco—3.15-4.15pm KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Disco—4.30-5.45pm
20th Nov	NCMP (height and weight) and Vision Screening Year R and 6
1st Dec	Christmas Fair (2pm– 3:30pm)
6th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
10th Dec	St Nicholas Day Choir Concert at Canterbury Cathedral
11th Dec	Infant (R,1,2) Nativity at St Nicholas at Wade Church (9:30am & 1:30pm)
12th Dec	R and 1 Christmas at Quex Trip (AM) Christmas Party (PM) Years 2-6 Panto at the Marlowe Theatre (No hot dinners on this day)
14th Dec	Evening Carol Concert at St Nicholas at Wade Church—6pm
15th Dec	End of term 2 (2pm finish)
2nd Jan	INSET Day—School closed
3rd Jan	Start of Term 3



PTFA Dates

Friday 10 November

Non uniform, donations for Christmas Fair

Years R,1,2&3 Chocolates

Year 4 Sweets

Year 5&6 Bottle of Booze

Friday 17 November School Discos

Year R,1&2: 3.15 - 4.15 £5

includes packet of sweets, packet of crisps,
glow stick & finger light

(children do not need to bring any money with them)

Year 3,4,5&6: 4.30 - 5.45 £3

we will be selling snacks & glow bits at this disco
so does not include same items as KS1 disco - children
can bring spending money for this disco

Tickets to be purchased via school money app please

Friday 1 December Christmas Fair 2 - 3.30pm

Stalls, games & fun for the family

Thursday 14 December Christmas Shop

Within school time, children will have the opportunity
to buy pre wrapped gifts for family