

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 16th
December 2022



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very busy and long Autumn term. All of our new children and staff have settled in extremely well. We have lots of activities throughout the Autumn Term and many themed weeks. It has been lovely seeing all of the children be involved in these activities. Thank you parents for your support with this.

A visit from Father Christmas: Earlier in the week, we have a very special visit all the way from the North Pole. Father Christmas spent the whole day in school with the children and all of the children loved visiting his grotto and receiving their present. It was delightful to see how happy and excited the children were. Many of the older children also enjoyed asking Father Christmas questions about his job and the work of the reindeers. We are already looking forward to his visit next year.

Christmas Lunch: On Wednesday, all of the children and staff enjoyed Christmas Lunch together in the dining hall. The children were served by the staff in their class and then enjoyed eating their lunch with their class staff as well. The children all wore their Christmas hats that they had made in class and also used placemats that they had made as well.

Parent Governor Elections: Congratulations to Rachael Cook who has been elected as our new Parent Governor. It was a very tight election with there being very few votes between nominees.

Deputy Head: An advert has now gone live on TES, eteach the LA website, the school website and the DfE website for a new Deputy Head for the school. We will be having the recruitment process in February and hope to have a new Deputy Head starting with us in April 2023.

Online Safety and Parental Controls: **As we enter into the Christmas Period and the likelihood of children receiving a phone, tablet or games console, please bear in mind the following for support around e-safety.** The Ofcom report "[Children and Parents: media use and attitudes 2022](#)" found that 99% of children aged 3-17 in 2021 went online and the majority used a mobile phone (72%) or tablet (69%) to do so. The report also found that a quarter of all parents asked didn't use any parental controls at all on any of the devices their children use. At St Nicholas we would like to support you to keep your child safe online. I would like to signpost you to [internetmatters.org](#) where you can find step-by-step guides to setting up Parental Controls on popular devices, apps and broadband providers. You can also answer a few questions about your child's online activity and get a personalised toolkit for improving online safety in your home. If you need any further support with setting parental controls on your child's devices, please message Abbie McQueeney on WeDuc, or ask your child's class teacher to speak to me. Abbie McQueeney, Computing Leader

Important Dates:

Tuesday January 3rd: First day of term



Coffee Morning Dates: The coffee Morning Dates for next term are as follows: Tuesday 10th January (Chill and Chat session), Thursday 26th January (Literacy/Writing), Tuesday 31st January (Numeracy), Friday 10th February Chill and Chat, Friday 24th February (SaLT), Monday 27th February (chill and chat), Wednesday 15th March (Literacy/Reading), Thursday 23rd March (OT and NAS)

Have a lovely Christmas Break and New Year. I hope you all enjoy spending time with your loved ones.
Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher

