

St Nicholas School Weekly Newsletter

Learning Together

Friday 23rd
November 2023



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well? It has been a busy week here at St Nicholas. The children are starting to learn some of the words to songs they will be singing at our Christmas Shows.

Christmas Shows: The Christmas Show is a variety show where classes sing, dance or play music and perform in front of their parents. There will also be a song by the school choir and possibly a staff performance too. It is a chance for you to come and see your child on perform. The show days are Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. There will be coffee, tea and mince pies after the morning shows hosted by some of our parents. We hope to see many of you.

Wednesday 13th December KS1 10:00-11:30

Wednesday 13th December KS2 1:15-2:30

Thursday 14th December KS2 10:00-11:30

Thursday 14th December KS1 1:15-2:30

Little Wandle Phonics Coffee Morning: We decided to postpone the coffee morning we had planned for phonics as we had a low number of parents sign up. We will set a new date for the Spring Term. Please do try and sign up as we will introduce you to our new phonics scheme. We will also support you with reading at home with your child.

School Photos: You should have received your child's school photos this week. This is a new company we are using to take our school photos. We felt that they worked really well with the children and made them feel at ease while they were having their photo taken. If you are wanting to purchase some of the photos, please make sure you do this via their website. Oliwia has put all the information for this on Weduc.

Winter Crafts: Our annual Winter Crafts is coming up on Tuesday 28th November for Key Stage 1 and Wednesday 29th November for Key Stage 2 from 3;30-5:00. **An adult must accompany a child for this event. You cannot sign up your child on their own.** Siblings are able to join in with the activities. Please book your spaces for the event via Weduc. The cost is £3 per person or £10 for a family of 4. Please note only a maximum of 4 participants per pupil. It promises to be an amazing time as always and there are lots of fun activities to enjoy. There will be 16 activities in total including face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Fridge magnets, Jump-Up Elf, Scratch Art Snowmen and Biscuit and cake decoration. We are looking forward to many of you joining us.

INSET: Please remember that St Nicholas School is closed on Friday 24th November for staff INSET.

Behaviour Support Service: The Behaviour Support Service have contacted the school to see if any of our families would be interested in accessing their services to support with behaviour such as challenging behaviour related to ASD, sleep and eating. Please click on the link or scan the QR code and complete the questionnaire if you are interested in receiving support.

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Important Dates

Friday 24th November: School Closed for pupils. Staff INSET

Tuesday 28th November: Winter craft KS1

Wednesday 29th November: Winter Craft KS2

Wednesday 29th November: M&M Productions 'Snow White'

Monday 4th December: PECS coffee morning

Wednesday 13th December: KS1 show am and KS2 show pm

Thursday 14th December: KS2 show am and KS1 show pm

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December: Last day of term. Break up at 1:30

Monday 8th January: Children return to school

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Absence reporting: If your child is absent due to illness or for a medical appointment, please can you do this via Weduc or pressing 2 on the phone system and leave a message. Please give a specific reason for the absence so that we can mark it on the registers. We urge that rather than saying your child is 'unwell', you let us know the illness they have e.g. vomiting/diarrhoea/headache etc so that we can keep a track of illnesses in the school and if there are any contagious infections. In some cases, we need to alert the Public Health Agency. **Please note that if you do not inform us of absence, it goes down as an 'N' code in the registers which is an unauthorised absence.** Further, if your child is sick or un-well when they are in school, we will call parents to ask you to come and collect them **immediately**. Please make sure that we have the correct phone numbers for both contacts.

Colder Weather: Now that the colder weather has arrived, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will always try to take the children outside during the day for some fresh air as this is essential for their sensory regulation during the day.

Parent Policies: Before half term, Parent Policies, the Parent Code of Conduct and the Home/School Agreement were sent home via Weduc. Please follow the link so that you can sign the form on Weduc.

Nut Free School: As a reminder, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. No nut products must be brought into school in lunch boxes or as snacks. This includes peanut flavoured crisps, yogurts or chocolate. We have children and staff with nut allergies in school. If staff members see nut products in lunch boxes, we will be removing them to ensure the safety of others.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 27th November.
Many Thanks
Katie Goodwin
Head Teacher