



3rd November 2017

Tues 7th November

Open Evening 6-7.30pm

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4K to Roman Museum

Weds 8th November

Year 6 Health Questionnaires

13th Nov-17th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week – All different- all equal

Tues 14th November

4W to Roman Museum

Fri 17th November

School Disco
Infants 4.30-6pm, Juniors 6.30-8pm

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Mon 20th November

Flu Jabs Reception to Year 4

Sat 25th November

Table Top Sale

Weds 6th December

St Nicholas Night

Weds 6th December

Panto—Wizard William

Sat 9th December

Choir - Ragley by Candlelight

Weds 13th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thurs 14th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am

Friday 15th December

'Xmas Grotto' Friends of St Nicholas

Tues 19th December

Carol Service at St Nicholas Church
9.45am - tbc

Tues 19th December Year 1&2

Christmas Performance 6pm

Weds 20th December Year 1&2

Christmas Performance 9.30am

Thurs 21st December PM

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December

Children's Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

Next Newsletter 17th Nov

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

Welcome back.

We hope that you had a restful half term break and are ready for a busy time in the lead up to Christmas.

Parents Evening - If you were unable to attend before half term please arrange a mutually acceptable time with your child's teacher.

Open Evening 7th November
On Tuesday 7th November between 6-7.30pm there will be an opportunity for parents who are thinking of sending their children to St Nicholas to come and visit the school. Parents will be able to look around the school and talk to members of the teaching staff about the different teaching and learning styles we use. Parents of children in Year 6 who have volunteered to help as guides for the open evening will have received a letter this week.



13th Nov-17th Nov Anti-Bullying Week This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week is **All Different, All Equal** and will promote difference and equality in schools.

The idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school and able to be themselves without fear of bullying.

Disco 17th November

Infants 4.30-6pm
Juniors 6.30-8pm

Letters went out yesterday- please ask at the office if you haven't received one.

Friday 17th November



Children In Need day is on Friday 17th November. The theme this year is **The Big Spotacular!** To support this event, the chil-

dren can dress in spotty clothes on the day for a £1 donation (if you have any old round £1 coins these can be donated to the charity as well). Please no hair gel or face paint. We also ask that children do not wear Football tops. For Years 5 & 6 Sport will be as normal in the afternoon. Please can they bring their outdoor Sports kit with them to change into. Many thanks in advance for your support on what is always a great event.

Birthdays - as there won't be a celebration assembly held on 17th Nov, we will be celebrating birthdays as follows: Birthdays from 4/11 to 17/11 in assembly next Fri 10/11.

Table Top Sale 25th November

The Friends are holding a table top sale on Saturday 25th November from 2-5pm in the school hall. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to buy and sell goods in preparation for Christmas. Tables will be £5 each for anybody who wants to sell new or second hand goods, they can be reserved by emailing stnicholas-friends@gmail.com. Entrance on the day will be 50p for adults and free for children. All funds raised will go to the school. We hope to see lots of you there!

Breakfast Club

Invoices have been sent out covering this half term up until Christmas. Please can these be paid by 10th November. Payment can be made via ParentPay. Please ask at the office if you have forgotten your login details.

IT Magazines Digital Parenting

A copy of this magazine has been sent home with your child this week. It provides parents with the latest expert advice so you can help your children develop the life skills and knowledge they need to use the online world safely

and with confidence.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Poppies, wristbands, reflectors, bracelets and snap bands will be available in school next week if you would like to support this appeal.

New Dinner Menus - new menus start next week., these were sent home yesterday, if your child did not bring one home please see the school office.

Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December - a letter will be sent home next week, please see the office if you don't receive one. Please can reply slips be returned by 30th November. Thank you.

Non-uniform Day.

On Friday 1st December children can come to school in non-uniform. The Friends have asked that children bring in chocolate in exchange for wearing non-uniform. These chocolates will be prizes at the tombola stall they are running at St Nicholas Night on Wednesday 6th December. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks.

Staffing News

Haseena Mulia, has joined us as a mid-day supervisor. She will be working with children in KS2 and we would like to welcome her as part of our team.

Sporting Success

In October we hosted a Multi-skills Festival, played in a Rugby Festival at ARFC and took part in a ESFA Football Tournament. Well done, our teams won the Multiskills and Rugby Festivals and the football team played extremely well. Coming up this half term is a rowing competition and an Inter Primary School Football League match. Good luck.

Reception Swimming - If any parents are able to help on a Wednesday morning please let a member of Reception staff know. All parents who help need to be DBS checked.

Absence & Lateness

The school's attendance target is 97% which is inline with other schools in our area and certainly the expectation for an outstanding school. Parents will be notified where there are initial concerns about attendance where it falls below 97%. If there are further concerns then a monitoring period will be implemented and you will be informed of this by letter. We will also be monitoring children who are late, where children are persistently late, a referral may be made to the Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team. For more information please see the school's Attendance Policy which can be found on the website.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

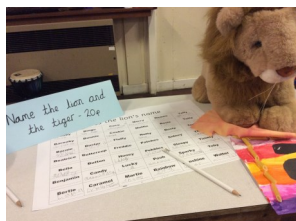
Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Year 1 African Exit Point

Just before half term Year 1 celebrated their work on Africa with their families at our 'Exit Point'. The children sang an African song, played African Drums, recited the poem 'African Plain' and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their African art work. We raised over £60, allowing us to adopt 2 giraffe families for a year.

Many thanks to all the staff and children for all their hard work and also to the family members who were able to come and join us.



Year 3 Cavemen Experience

Many thanks to the Friends who contributed to the cost of the wonderful Caveman Experience which our Year 3's were able to enjoy before half term.

Mon 20th November

Flu vaccination for children in Reception and Years 1,2,3,& 4



Envelopes have been handed to all children in Reception Year 1,2,3 & 4 today. Completed consent forms need to be returned to the school office by 13th November. Please note if the consent form is returned after this date your child may not be able to have the vaccine. If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased just before, or on the day of the vaccination session, or you would like some more advice or information, please contact the vaccination team on 01926 406738 or email SOUTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please return the consent form even if you DO NOT consent to the vaccination for your child. Thank you.