

St Nicholas School Newsletter

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St. Nicholas School Canterbury

Dear Parents and Carers

We are gradually returning to normal as a school and beginning to make Christmas plans. We are, though, still having to manage a number of incidents of COVID-19 amongst children and staff. Consequently there will still be times when we may need to reintroduce some of the restrictions we operated previously and we will continue with the hygiene, ventilation and cleaning regimes. It remains very important to keep your child off school if they are unwell and if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 obtain a PCR test for them and communicating to us the results as soon as you have received them.

We are hoping that we will be able to share with you some Christmas celebrations with your child's class. They will be on a smaller scale to some we have done in the past but that we feel that is sensible given the situation we are facing. Please look out for the details from your child's teacher.

As I mentioned in the summer this will be my last academic year as headteacher of St Nicholas. It is a job I have enjoyed and felt privileged to be trusted with for over twenty years now. The governors of the school will be working to secure a replacement for me over the winter and the spring ready for next September and they will keep you up to date with these developments. Given this change, for the school, the governors are very keen to have a forum to communicate with parents and carers about what is happening in the school. We would like there to be a Parents and Carers Council with a representative for each of the classes in the school able to meet through Zoom or Teams two or three times a year so your views and

opinions can be heard. If you are able to be involved in this please let us know. We are hoping that this will be a positive and useful communication channel between the school and yourselves.

The school's assessment tool is called Earwig and it has the facility for you to be able to look at it also. I know many of you are already accessing this to see what has been happening in school with your child. Currently there are 75 children in the school whose parents or carers have not signed up. If you are not yet linked to this please contact your child's teacher and they will be able to give you the information in order to see it.

Can I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year holiday.

Best wishes

Daniel

Get to know St Nicholas Key Stage 4 Staff

**Catherine
Robinson**



Catherine is the MOVE Coordinator and teacher of Wonder class.

Matt Harris



Matt is the PE coordinator for the school and teacher of Bayley Class. He has a passion to increase work experience opportunities for the young people in KS4 and enjoys seeing the

Caroline Bennett



Caroline is the KS4 manager and teacher of Temple Class.

She enjoys spending time with her family.

I enjoy going to theatre shows and concerts.

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students thrive when completing and developing functional skills.

In his own time, he is a keen Footballer playing for a local Herne Bay team and enjoy watching football locally too.

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Focus on Kahlo Class

Each newsletter will focus on a class. Please use our website to see up to date news on your individual classes.

Gardening



Since term 1, Kahlo class have engaged in our own class project *Key Stage 3 garden renovation!* We have spent lots of time, weeding our fruit

Literacy



In Literacy, we have been reading stories about the deforestation and plastic pollution. We have been exploring

Cookery



As part of our topic *The world around us*, we have been making and tasting foods from different countries. So

and vegetable patches and creating a wildflower area to help the bees. This week, we have been planting daffodil and crocus bulbs. We know that these plants need soil, sunlight, and water to grow healthy. Once our herb and vegetable start to grow, we will use them in our cooking sessions and may even bring some home for you to try!

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how these things impact our environment, us, and the animals which we need to help protect.

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far our favourite has been bread and butter pudding!

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Harvest Festival



To all Pupils, Parents, Carers and Staff

Thank you so much to everyone for their generous donations to the Canterbury Foodbank during Harvest Festival. We managed to donate a significant amount of food. Foodbank volunteers came in to deliver an assembly to our secondary department about the impact their contribution will have on those in need in our community.

Thank you again for your amazing effort.

Izzy Dunsby-Hannam

Important Dates

COVID-19 Immunisation for 12 - 17 year old pupils

St Nicholas School Site - Friday 26 November

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10 December

St Nicholas School Site Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 15 December

St Nicholas School Site Visit from Father Christmas - Wednesday 15 December

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

Term 2

Staff Development Day: Monday 1 November 2021

Start: Tuesday 2 November 2021

Finish: Friday 17 December 2021 at 2 pm

Term 3

Staff Development Day: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Start: Wednesday 5 January 2022

Finish: Friday 11 February 2022

Term 4

Start: Monday 21 February

Finish: Friday 1 April



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