



St. Nicholas School
Parent Bulletin
December, 2016



Dear Parents:

Please take note of the important information herein. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find all of our Bulletins on our website under School News.

**Kind regards,
Mr. Cooper**

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had time to digest your child's Autumn term report sent last week.

Thank you to our parent helpers on the KidZania trip yesterday, which was a fun day for all. Due to a last minute discount on the coach costs we were able to donate £42 to "Crisis at Christmas" (the homeless charity).

Other charitable donations this term -

- ✚ Macmillan Cancer Support (from the bake sales) = £104
- ✚ Jeans for Genes = £103.29

Thank you to those who donated to the Poppy Appeal and Breast Cancer Now as well. We will be collecting donations for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day tomorrow.

As mentioned, we are sending home to you tomorrow (with your child) a final information pack for this term containing the following items:

- 1. Peri-teacher letters; Speech and Drama Y1-6 and instrument lesson letters from Dr. Stavlas and Mrs. Kerley*
- 2. Autumn term House Competition "Winter Wonderland"*
- 3. Updated homework schedule for Y1-6 (with a greater focus on literacy and numeracy).*

Our Autumn Term Newsletter will be sent digitally.

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES & NEWS

- After-school Care will commence on the first day of school on January 5th.
- Mrs Kerley's instrument lessons will commence on January 9th.
- Speech & Drama lessons will commence January 12th.
- Dr. Stavlas' piano lessons will commence on January 12th.
- Clubs will re-commence the week of Monday 16th January (we will contact you separately about a potential external provider in the very near future; finally, we may have one!)

Finally, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Louise Kelsh as our new PE teacher, who will be starting with us on January 10th, 2017. Ms Kelsh also teaches PE at Buxlow School, and will be teaching Reception to Year 6 pupils. Her appointment enables us to 'free-up' main teachers to provide additional 1-2-1 and small group teaching to children who need some additional help. We are aiming to broaden our PE provision and to organise an inter-schools sports competition in the second half of the Spring term.

Additionally we have appointed Ms Amanda Goldsmith to replace Ms Hales as our SENCO. Ms Goldsmith is highly experienced as a teacher and SENCO and will be starting with us on January 5th.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas if you are celebrating it, and a very happy holiday to all.

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