



St. Nicholas School
Parent Bulletin
30th November, 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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END OF TERM EVENTS:

1. **Christmas Concert** – A reminder that our Christmas Concert takes place at St. Augustine's Church, Wembley (no. 152, post code HA9 8EW) this Thursday, 1st December. The performance comprising a nativity play with musical accompaniment will commence at 1:30pm.

There are 24 parking spaces at the rear of the church accessible from Wembley Hill Road, including four disabled parking bays (strictly for cars displaying disabled badges). Please only use allocated bays for parking, and allow yourself sufficient time to find alternative parking in neighbouring roads if the car-park is full.

Buses that pass close to the church are numbers: 79, 204, 483, and 245. Use the Travel for London (TfL) journey planner, or for example the free App "Bus London".

We anticipate the performance ending at approximately 3pm and there will be refreshments for everyone thereafter. Children will leave with their parents or other assigned guardian at the end of the day; we ask that parents / guardians inform their class teacher prior to leaving the church ("check-out").

All pupils should come to school in their full uniform and with a snack & lunch (in a plastic bag). School books, folders, book bags etc should be left at home as there are no lessons on this day (pupils have a full dress rehearsal at the church in the morning). Children may bring a reading book if they wish for any times not rehearsing but they are responsible for this.

Upper nursery and Reception children are the only pupils required to wear costumes and these should already be in school. Pupils know which instruments are required and these should also already be in school.

There is no after-school-care provided on this day.

We hope you can all make it to the performance!

2. **End of Autumn Term Reports** – A reminder that reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope (and emailed where necessary) at the end of this Friday, 2nd December.

If you have any follow-up questions about your child's report, please seek to address them in the final week of term with the class teacher. Staff will not be responding to any issues pertaining to the reports during the vacation period. Of course, parent-teacher meetings can take place early in the Spring term as well.

3. **Extra-curricular** – Fun Fitness and Drama clubs will take place next week on Monday and Tuesday respectively. We hope to have some exciting news about external club provision by the first week of the Spring term.
4. **Peri-lessons** – There will be Sports, Swimming and Speech & Drama lessons as normal in the final week of term.
5. **KidZania** – Confirmed for Wednesday 7th December, children should wear their PE kit (including regular winter jacket) and bring a snack & lunch (in a plastic bag). Pupils should not bring pocket money but they may bring a KidZania "KidZos" card if they have one from a previous visit. For those unfamiliar with KidZania, children can earn KidZos through the tasks they do on the day, which can then bank or spend in the venue.

We will notify which adult helpers may attend shortly, giving priority to those who did not attend last time or previously. Adult helpers may bring money for themselves to purchase food etc from the venue.

We hope to return to the school by approximately 3:30pm, traffic depending. We will be providing after-school-care on this day.

6. **Instrument lessons** – There will be no instrument lessons with Mrs Kerley next week. There will be make-up lessons for Dr Stavlas' piano class on December 6th. Parents of these pupils will be notified.
7. **Final Day of Autumn Term** – Please be reminded that school ends at noon on Friday 9th December, and there will be no after-school-care on this day. Pupils may wear their home clothes to school, including if they wish a Christmas jumper, for a charitable fee of £1 per child. Contributions will go to Save the Children.

The Autumn newsletter will go out on the final day.

OTHER NEWS:

-  **Homework** – We are re-writing our Homework timetable to commence from the Spring term to focus much more on Literacy and Numeracy. Whilst other subject areas will continue to receive HW, this will become longer term 'project' work. Details of the changes will be relayed to you shortly.
-  **SEN / 1-2-1 support** – We are aiming to continue to develop our 1-2-1 and small group support for pupils who we identify as needing it in the Spring term. More details to follow.