



St Nicholas' CE Primary School

"Let all you do be done with Love." 1 COR 16:14

Term 3 Christian Value is: Perseverance Big Idea is: Resilience

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Issue 8

Happy New Year to all our families! I hope you had a restful and happy Christmas season together with your loved ones. Thankyou to all of the generous gifts and cards that came in for staff at the end of last term. It is never expected but always appreciated.

Term 3 is very short. It is only just over 5 weeks long until we have another holiday but we have a lot planned within that time including Resourceful day tomorrow, Children's mental health week and an open afternoon planned for the end of term. Please keep an eye on dates on the newsletters and on the website calendar for events coming up. **Can all children come to school in PE kits tomorrow please.**

Keeping your child safe while using technology at home.

Christmas is often the time when children may get new digital devices, whether that is a new game, console, phone or ipad. Keeping your child safe when using devices is an ever evolving proves as technology changes and how children use devices changes as they grow up. Ensuring that you are aware of the latest issues online and how best to protect your child online is a big responsibility and one that you will need to regularly update yourself on in order to keep up with the changing digital world.

Please find below some links to a couple of websites which can give you information on keeping your child safe online. We also always have links to website and resources for online safety on the school website

HOME → KEY INFORMATION → KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Keeping Children Safe

Safer Internet.org : Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. Our advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Common sense Media: Tips and reviews on movies, TV, games and more. Add your child's age to find other suitable games.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>



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Celebrating Community

Parent Consultations

These will now be taking place at the end of January on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th. We will allocate appointments to parents who require longer appointments in advance via invitation. The system will go live on 12th-19th January where you will be able to select your preferred appointment time online as you did in the Autumn. For a reminder on how to do this please see the parent's evening page on the website.

HOME → PARENTS → PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Parents' Evening Bookings

School Dog

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Hill's gorgeous Labrador Finn is going to become our school dog. He is a beautiful, calm and friendly dog who lives with 2 young boys and is used to spending his time with children. He is very relaxed and friendly and will be a fantastic addition to the staff team.

We are looking forward to beginning to introduce Finn to school slowly over the next term where he will get used to the school environment and his new home in Mrs Hill's office. He will then get to know some children in small groups and eventually be used for a variety of activities including being a reading buddy and emotional support partner.

We have risk assessments and child friendly rules which will be put in place in order to keep Finn safe as well as to ensure the safety of all children and staff. If you have questions about our school dog please come and chat to Mrs Hill. Many schools in the local area already have school dogs and we are delighted to be able to now offer our children this experience as well.



Important Reminders:

Upcoming Diary Dates:

January:

5th January Resourceful day
15th AIM Higher writing workshop (Y4 to be selected)
23rd and 25th Parent Consultations

February

5th Children's Mental Health Day
9th Open Afternoon
9th Last Day of Term
19th Return to School Term 4

March

13th Year 3/4 Tag Rugby (teams to be selected)
21st March Year 4/5 Orienteering (teams to be selected)
26th Creative Day
27th Last day of Term 4 Year 5/6 tag rugby (teams to be selected)
28th TD day school closed

April

15th Return to School Term 5