

ST NICS NEWS

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Dear Parents,

A message from Mr Imrie

It was a delight to watch our 30 mini Santa's run across the beach this week- it was the highlight of my week! Children skipped, jumped and smiled their way along the track, raising money for the Cornwall Hospice Trust. The donations have been incredibly generous and I look forward to sharing the final total with. EYFS children will be taking part in their fun run on Friday 11th December.

I am very excited to inform you that we have made an incredible investment into furniture for our EYFS classroom, totalling thousands of pounds! The items are being delivered BEFORE Christmas so look out for further information and photos!

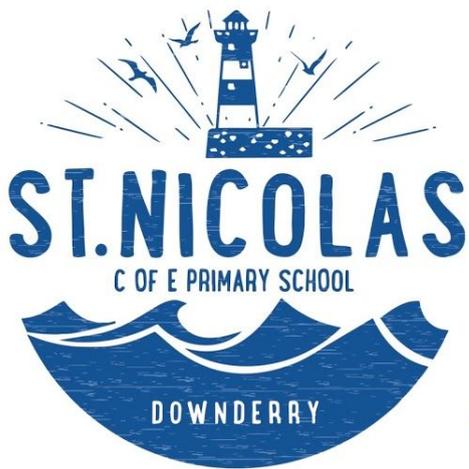
Thank you for your kind words regarding the staffing announcement communicated this week. More information regarding next term will be shared with parents very soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime should you have any questions.

Children in Key Stage 2 have taken Accelerated Reader assessments this week. We are so impressed with the progress children have made; some going up multiple levels in a short space of time. We are very proud of them.

The air was filled with snow at playtime this morning! Unfortunately, it wasn't real snow but we thank the PTA for our awesome new snow machine!

Have a lovely weekend,
Jake Imrie

	EYFS - Explorers	Year 1 & 2- Adventurers	Year 3 & 4 - Voyagers	Year 5 & 6 - Pioneers
Star Learner of the Week!	Bella for being a kind and considerate member of the class who always helps others.	Charlie for a fantastic contribution during our PSHE lesson.	Frazer and Theo for fantastic progress with their reading	Callum B for the amazing progress shown this week in Reading.



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Dates for your Diary!	Gardening Club Update
<p> 8th December - Parents Evening 9th December - Parents Evening 11th December - EYFS Sponsored Santa Beach Run 11th December - PTA Online Quiz 7.30pm New 14th December - Online Panto - Sleeping Beauty 15th December - Christmas Craft Day 16th December - Christmas Lunch 17th December - KS2 Christmas Album available 17th December - EYFS / KS1 Virtual Musical Available 18th December - A SECRET surprise from Santa! 18th December - End of Term 5th January - Start of Term 11th January - RSPB - Giving Nature a Home day 18th January - World Religion Day 25th January - Burns Night Celebration WC 25th January - Art Exhibition Week 1st February - National Storytelling Week 3rd February - Child Takeover Day 8th February - Kite making and flying day 12th February - End of Term 15th - 19th February - Half Term 22nd February - Start of Term 24th February - Year 5 & 6 Den Building Day 25th February - Whole school 'Spelling Bee' 2nd March - School Potato Planting Day </p>	<p>Gardening Club planted hair on their happy people planters this week outside the Year 1 & 2 classroom. Children make Christmas wreaths using natural materials and wrote a garden club wish list to Santa whilst enjoying hot chocolate!</p> <p>Please note that the gardening club continues until the very last week of school.</p> <p>If you can help us with our wish list this Christmas, we would be very grateful. We need: watering cans; thermometers; outdoor clocks; sweeping brushes; gloves; seeds and a wheelbarrow!</p>
<p> <i>Where Learning Becomes an Adventure...</i> ST. NICOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL DOWDERY Ofsted Good Provider Applications Now Open! RECEPTION 2021? Do you have a child born between the 1st September 2016 and the 31st August 2017? To apply, please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Deadline: 15th January 2021 If so, we would love them to join the St Nics Family as a Reception child in September 2021! </p>	<p>This week we held our virtual KS1 phonics workshop and I enjoyed listening in and watching from the corner of the room. I hope that parents found it useful and informative. In school all of the children have continued to practise Fred talk in order to learn to sound out words. The more that they do this in all aspects of their lives the more confident that they will become. In school we do this throughout the day to ensure that the children are a-m-a-z-i-ng at Fred talk.</p> <p>A fun way to practise these skills at home is to play a game called 'Fred frog says..' It is similar to the game Simon says except all of the instructions are in Fred talk! The children who are just starting to learn to blend words together can have a go at listening to simple words such as Fred says 'h-o-p' or Fred says 'r-u-n' and see if they can follow the directions.</p> <p>To make it a challenge for our expert Fred talkers you could make more complicated phrases such as Fred says do some 'j-u-m-p-i-ng j-a-ck-s' or Fred says do 't-e-n j-u-m-p-s.' Our superstar Fred talkers could even do the Fred talking and challenge their families to the game!</p>