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Headteacher



## St Nicolas C of E Academy

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**Autumn Term (1) — Friday 4th February 2022**  
**This term's Christian Value is Peace**



### Year 3 — Easter Performance



On **Monday 4th** April, Year 3 will be performing their Easter production at St Nicolas Church at 11:30am. There will be 2 seats per child allocated. More information will be sent out to **Year 3** parents by ParentMail.

### Year 1 - Open afternoon

We are holding an open afternoon for our Year 1 parents to come and look around our school with their child for the first time. (Teachers will not be available to talk about your child's progress on this occasion, as this will be discussed on our next Parents Evening.) More details have been sent via ParentMail. Reception parents will be given this opportunity in the future - more details to follow.

Cherry Blossom—Year 1—3:15 –4:00 Friday - 4th February  
Hazel—Year 1—3:15-4:00 Friday - 11th February

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place w/c 14th March on our School Cloud system. This will be virtual. We will send more information to you about how to book nearer the time.

### Greek day—Year 3—Thursday 10th February

On Thursday 10th February we will be celebrating our Greek Day. During the day the children will be tasting traditional Greek foods such as tzatziki, olives, feta and pitta bread. (We are aware of food allergies). They will be learning Greek dances and completing art activities. If your child would like to dress in traditional Greek costume that would be great, they can wear this all day.



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## Reception

Reception had some very special visitors for story time today, Mrs Thorpe and Lucy the dog! She brought her favourite story, Dog's Don't Do Ballet and she even wore her pink tutu! Reception really enjoyed listening to the story and finding out all about Lucy and how Mrs Thorpe looks after her. What a fabulous story time!



## Chinese New Year

Reception have also been busy exploring Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in China - they enjoyed writing Chinese symbols, creating their very own dragon dance and making their own paper dragons! Happy Lunar New Year!



## Design and Technology

The children have been focusing on Design and Technology in school. They have thoroughly enjoyed this. Our Chair of Governor, Dawn Beasley, who is head of DT at Etone school was extremely impressed with the results.



**Year Two were asked to design some new swings for a local play area!**



*First, we designed our swings after deciding what materials we could use to make it able to move but strong and stable. We researched and discussed the shape, material and structure.*

*We then made our swings using a range of materials and found that we had to alter our designs if they did not work!*

*After we made our swings, we evaluated them and reflected on what went well and what we could have done better.*



**Evaluate...**

*My Final Project*

*We enjoyed creating our victorian toy as it involved lots of trial and error but it definitely tested our skills. Our toy was eventually successful after all the hard work we put into it.*

*The way we created our mechanism is by crossing some (in our case snail and egg) then we put the cone onto a skewer in the place we wanted. Once we had placed the skewer into the box, after measuring the half way point and putting our pencil through, we decorated the front cover of our box to look like a victorian hearth at christmas as it went well with the theme of our toy. After this, we attached and glued circles of wood onto cardboard to create two followers and then with a glue gun we attached two sliders onto the center of our wooden circle. Then we pried through our sliders at the top of our box so we had some where to attach our toys to. Afterwards, we put a skewer through the slider so it would stay sturdy and then for the toy to rock we put half a lolly stick on the top of the slider and then once we created the toys and stuck them on the final product was complete.*

*However, we had some problems like the handle kept falling off as it was loose and before we put the skewer on everywhere we bored the handle the followers would fall off the cone. The thing that solved the problem was when we poked a skewer through the box to make it sturdy. The thing I like the most about our mechanism is the puppets as I think she is very graceful, the present is my best favourite part as I don't quite think it goes with victorian theme.*

*I do think my moving toy was successful as all the challenges we had faced before disappeared. Our design did not change much from the fact that we didn't add the ring paper change and our present now goes up and round not just round. I do think the age range we put down was the right choice as there are not too many small parts.*

## W/C 7th February

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Week One</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Option 1	Vegetable and Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	MSC Fishfingers/ Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce	<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection <b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> if your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child.
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Kilchen Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Lentil Pasta with Garlic Bread	Homily Pie with Chips	
	Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Broccoli	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Mandarin Jelly	Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Daty Cookie	Apple, Cheese and Biscuits	
<b>Week Two</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Macaroni Beef Pasta Bake	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken Stew with Rice	MSC Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Lasagne	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips	
	Vegetables	Green Beans Cauliflower	Peppers Garden Peas	Cabbage Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert	Pear Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Peach Upside Down Cake	Apple Flapjack	
<b>Week Three</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Option 1	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken, Lentil and Gravy Pie with Mashed Potatoes	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2	Kilchen Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	BBQ Quorn with Chips	
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Carrots	Carrot and Swede Mash	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas	
	Dessert	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Eves Pudding and Custard	Pinwheel Cookie	

## Diary Dates—2021/2022—Dates are inclusive

### February

Friday 4th February - Open Afternoon Cherry Blossom Class—3:15pm—4:00pm

Friday 11th February—Open Afternoon Hazel Class—3:15pm—4:00pm

Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February - Half term

Thursday 10th February - Year 3 Greek Day

Monday 28th February - Inset Day

### March

Tuesday 1st March - Children back to school

Friday 11th March - MAT Inset Day

### April

Monday 4th April — Year 3 Easter Performance—St Nicolas Church

Monday 11th April - Friday 22 April - Easter holiday

### May

Monday 2nd - Bank holiday

Thursday 5th May - Polling Day

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June - Half term holiday

### July

Children break up Friday 22nd July - Summer holiday

### Inset Days

Monday 28th February—Inset Day

Friday 11th March - Inset Day