Friday 25th September 2015 St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled) Primary School - Weekly Newsletter Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers

A big well done this week to our Year R children who have completed their first full week of school. They have already started learning their phonics, been busy in their outside area and have started their learning with number as well. Mrs Pearce has been really pleased with the way children have started this year.

It's been another busy week at school. The new English curriculum is starting to show signs of having a positive impact on children's learning and I have been pleased to see the amount of writing that has taken place in all the classes across the school. The work has been so good that there are already plans in place to invite parents and carers in to see the progress and displays that are being created as a result of all this learning.

I have been pleased with the response we have received so far with the names for our House Teams we are looking to start here at St Nicholas. We have had suggestions on historical features, school stationary and historical people associated with the area. If you think you can come up with some suggestions or ideas to put alongside others we have already received we would love to hear from you and put them before the school council where they will eventually decide on the school House names.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale Headteacher

Harvest Festival service

Please remember our Harvest Service on Friday 9th October, 9.15am at St. Nicholas Church – All are welcome and donations of food (nonperishable items) would be warmly received in school on Friday morning. Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to help walk the children to the church. If you know of any local elderly residents who would appreciate a Harvest Hamper then please give their names into the office.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all those families who took part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' this morning. My thanks to all those families

who baked and passed on their apologies for not being able to attend. I'm pleased to inform parents we raised £73.32 today. Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity which helps to change the lives of people affected by cancer. Thank you to everyone



Dates for your diary

W/e Fri 25th Sept Year 6 to Swattenden

Fri 9th Oct – Harvest Festival Service

TERM DATES

Fri 23rd Oct - End of term 1

Mon 2nd Nov – Term 2 starts, children return to school

Fri 18th Dec – Term 2 ends at 3pm

Staff Development Days

The school will be closed to children on these dates Friday 16th October & Friday 8th July

The school has one day still to arrange.



St Nicholas PTFA

On Tuesday 29th September at 1.30pm the PTFA will be holding their annual AGM in the school Training Room. All parents (and grandparents!) and anyone who would like to get involved or, just simply come along to see what is going on you will be made welcome.

The PTFA has three areas of activity: Fundraising, Supporting Parents and Community Links. We fundraise only for the school and the money we raise is invested in facilities and equipment to further the children's education. We also provide money to enrich the children's education through visits and workshops. We work closely with the school to help create effective parent partnerships but with a view to enriching the children's school day.

Come along and help us to make a difference in our childrens school.

Flora Tubs4Tablets

Flora and Tesco have been working together to give UK Primary schools the chance to get their hands on **Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0**" touch screen tablets – by simply collecting tokens from special tubs of Flora.

Please help us reach our target of 500 tokens which = 10 tablets, by collecting tokens from FLORA tub lids. Please place tokens in the box by the main office. Thank you.

Inhalers

If your child needs an inhaler and you have not yet sent one into school, can you please make sure you bring one to school via the main office and pass them to Tina, who will make sure the relevant paperwork is completed. Inhalers need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Parking outside school.

Please would parents park safely outside school especially in the wet weather. There were instances earlier in the week where some had double parked and while we all want our children to get to school as safely and dry as possible it should not be at the expense of putting others at risk.



Star Awards

Start of the week awards go to; Badgers – Sophie L, Otters – Hayley T, Eagles – Angel P, Owls – Bronwyn M, Kestrels – Callum D, Kites – Hayden K, Birch – Rubie W, Maple – Joshua F, Willow – Madison S, Rowan – Grace H, Chestnut – Lauren H.

Work to be proud of awards go to; Badgers – Zac K, Otters – Lily-May SR, Owls – Cassie T, Eagles – George G, Kestrels – Lily H, Kites – Jessica H, Birch – Molly L, Maple – Riley A, Willow – Beau G, Rowan – Megan, Chestnut – Joe S.



Letters sent home this week: Foundation Stage visit to the park, Harry Potter themed school dinner, Club reply slips.