

Friday 2nd October 2015
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is amazing how quickly the weeks are flying by already! It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat to some of you at our Macmillan coffee morning last week and to find out how well your children are settling into the new school year. Year R had a fantastic time visiting the park on Wednesday and many of the other classes have been doing some exciting entry points in their IPC topics. Hopefully in future newsletters we will share some photos of the children's learning with parents.

This week has seen the start of the school's after school activities. We are grateful for the members of our school team who have offered to run a club after school, many of the clubs encompass a wide range of sporting, academic and musical activities. The clubs will give children a chance to meet with like-minded pupils to explore a current talent or discover a hidden one!

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a questionnaire for parents. I would be grateful if parents would complete this and return it to school by **WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER**. I know it is very early in the school year to send out a questionnaire but your responses will help me and the IEB to understand the issues that are important to you as parents, and to plan changes, where appropriate, into the school year. Please complete and return this form if you want to have a voice in the future of your child's school. Wishing you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Attendance

Our target for attendance is 96.6%; let's see if we can achieve that this year! Every week the class with the best attendance gets a special mention here!

Well done to Hedgehogs class who achieved 98.5% attendance this week. Whole school attendance was 94.2%

Class attendances last week were:

Squirrels	94.2%	Hedgehogs	98.5%
Otter	94.3%	Badgers	87.4%
Eagles	95.6%	Owls	95.8%
Kestrels	91.5%	Kites	95.4%
Birch	87.9%	Maple	93.9%
Willow	96.3%	Chestnuts	97.4%
Rowan	90%		

Dates for your diary

Mon 5th Oct – Rye College open morning

Fri 9th Oct – Harvest Festival Service
9.15am

Tues 20th Oct
Individual photos – after 3pm family photos

Fri 23rd Oct – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a bottle for PTFA

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.

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 (non-perishable 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 church.

If you know of any local elderly residents who would appreciate a Harvest Hamper then please give their

names into the office.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter

We now have 14 followers
JOIN US!

@St Nicholas CEP



Year Six Secondary Transfer

Applications for secondary school places **MUST** be made by 31st October 2015

Parents can make their application online at www.ola.kent.gov.uk/kccadmissions/prefs.php or by post using the paper application form. Parents can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interest to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once.

If parents would like any advice please contact the school office to make an appointment with the Headteacher, or contact the schools admission desk on 03000 41 21 21 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

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.

Staff Development Day (SDD)

A reminder that we will be holding a Staff Development Day on Friday 16th October. **School will be closed to all children on this day.** We are sorry for any inconvenience caused, this staff training is essential to the continuing development of the school.

Congratulations

Last week 3 boys from St Nicholas took part in the District Football trials, they were: Arfon L, Will D, and Jack W. They all did incredibly well in getting through the different rounds, but a special mention goes to Will for achieving a place on the Shepway District team. Well done everyone for taking part.

Star Awards



Star of the week awards go to; Badgers – Joshua P, **Otters** – Florence R, **Eagles** – Amie C, **Owls** – Mollie C, **Kestrels** – Aidan R, **Kites** – Alannah W, **Birch** – Danny-Jay L, **Maple** – Olivia R., **Willow** – Jessica L **Rowan** –Lucy D, **Chestnut** – Joe S.

Work to be proud of awards go to; Badgers – Katy L, **Otters** – Sophie L, **Owls** – Emily T, **Eagles** – Sharna J, **Kestrels** – Alesha B, **Kites** – Zac C, **Birch** – Charlotte R, **Maple** – Sophie M, **Willow** – Zara P, **Rowan** – Patrick W, **Chestnut** – Isabel M.



Senior Caretaker required for November start

37 hours per week/ 52 weeks per year

Following the retirement of the existing post-holder, we are seeking to appoint a Senior Caretaker to work alongside the School Business Manager in ensuring the school premises are maintained to a high standard and meet all current health and safety requirements.

The post is 37 hours per week, split shift, all year round, and includes 5 weeks paid holiday per year (to be taken in school holiday periods). The pay is Kent Range 4 and overtime is available to meet additional workloads and the demands of special projects.

For more information and an application form please log on to www.kent-teach.com Ref: KCC2691-130S

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Parent Questionnaire - Autumn 2015

	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Not stated
My Child is in year								

Tick one box for each question unless the question applies to the child and you have different views per child. Add any comments at the end of the questionnaire.

		Don't Know	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
ENVIRONMENT	1	The school has a happy atmosphere				
	2	I feel welcome when I visit the school				
	3	My child(ren) enjoys school				
	4	The school has a good reputation				
	5	The school site is secure				
	6	The school encourages parents to play an active part in school life				
CURRICULUM	7	You get enough information about the curriculum that your child is following				
	8	The school informs me about my child's progress				
	9	My child is making good progress at school				
	10	The school has sufficiently high expectations of my child(ren)				
	11	The school helps my child to choose a healthy lifestyle				
	12	The school gives me a clear understanding of what is taught				
	13	School trips and visits are worthwhile school experiences				
	14	Members of staff are accessible and approachable				
	15	I understand how children are taught in subjects like Maths, English etc				
	16	I would attend an open session or curriculum evening, showing me how to support my child at school				
COMMUNICATION	17	The parent/teacher consultations provides me with the information I require about my child's achievement				
	18	The Friday newsletter gives me the regular information I need about the school				
	19	I would be happy to receive the weekly newsletter via email only				
	20	I always know what social/fundraising events are being arranged at school				
	21	I receive enough information about the school				
	22	The school Prospectus was a valuable resource of information about the school				
	23	I understand the role and responsibilities of the Interim Executive Board				
	24	I know how to contact the Interim Executive Board if I need to.				
	25	I would find it easy to approach the school with questions or concerns regarding my child(ren)				
	26	I find the school website a good source of information.				
	27	<i>If you have approached the school In the last 12 months with questions or concerns regarding your child(ren) - My concerns were handled well</i>				

		Don't Know	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
28	I understand what kind of behaviour the school expects from my child(ren)					
29	I am confident that the school deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively					
30	The school achieves high standards of good behaviour					
31	The school's system of sanctions is effective					
32	The school's system of rewards is effective					
33	I understand the school's policy concerning children being at school on time					
34	I understand the school's policy concerning children's absence from school					
35	My child(ren) is/are confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them					

PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE BY WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

If you wish to make any additional comments regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the school, please do so below.

(Optional, you do not have to give the following if you do not wish to.)

Parent/Carer's name.....

Child(ren)'s Class.....