

Friday 9th October 2015
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all those parents who have returned the questionnaires which were distributed last week. We have started collating the information on these forms already and your feedback will help the IEB and I in responding to your issues as they have been raised. We also hope to provide parents with a summary of the responses, along with an action plan as a way of sharing the issues and how we take your feedback forward into the future.

I do hope that those parents who were able to join us at the church today enjoyed the Harvest Service as much as I did. It was good to see so many parents and other family members at the church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their kind generosity in the gifts that were made available, I'm sure that the needy of the parish will be most appreciative.

Next week, the children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be undertaking in-class assessments, it will of course be useful if children could get a good nights sleep as this will ensure they are ready to face the test as well as making sure they are able to do their best. Year 6 have already completed their testing this week.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent teacher consultations are scheduled to take place soon after the children return from the half term break. To make this process easier for parents we will introduce an after school open session, this is designed for parents to share their child's work and enable them to feel prepared for the Parent Consultation.

The Open session will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November** from 3pm immediately at the end of the school day and will go on until 4pm

Parent Consultations will take place on:

Tuesday 10th November 2015 from 4.30 pm until 7.30pm and again on

Wednesday 11th November 2015 from 3.20pm until 6.00pm

We do hope that parents will be able to attend both the open session and Parent Consultation as they will provide parents with an overview of what their child is achieving now and what we expect from them over the coming year.

We do hope that as many parents as possible are able to make this valuable information session, which is why we are providing parents with advanced notice.

Dates for your diary

Mon 19th Oct – Year 1 & 2 Flu immunisation

Tues 20th Oct

Individual photos – after 3pm family photos

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

Mon 2nd Nov –

Children return to school

Tues 3rd Nov – Open Classes 3pm

Tues 10th Nov Parent Teacher Consultations (Late) 16:30 hrs >19:30hrs

Wed 11th Nov Parent Teacher Consultations (Early) 15:20hrs > 18:00hrs

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 27th November
Friday 8th July

Attendance

Well done to Kestrel class who achieved 96.9% attendance this week.
Whole school attendance was 94.5%

Class attendances were:

Squirrels	93.7%		Hedgehogs	96.5%
Otter	90%		Badgers	93%
Eagles	95.6%		Owls	94.2%
Kestrels	96.9%		Kites	93.5%
Birch	94.5%		Maple	96.4%
Willow	95%		Chestnuts	96.1%
Rowan	92.1%			

Our target for attendance is 96.6%,

Supporting parents



A leaflet published by the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and the charity Family Action advises parents on activities for the home to support their children's learning at school. The leaflet

entitled "Ready to Learn Every Day!" advises parents to try activities with their children that have educational outcomes, such as a walk in the woodland, searching for mini beasts in the garden, making a tent or looking at the stars at night. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing these leaflets with parents to help with issues that sometimes arise in schools to ensure we get the best for our children. This week we are looking at 'Getting the most out of school'

Family Liaison Officer Post

We are looking to appoint a **Family Liaison Officer** (FLO) to join our supportive and committed staff team. The post is part time for 20 hours per week at Kent Range 5.

The successful applicant will play a vital role in Inclusion. S/he will work in partnership with an experienced SENCo and offer practical help and emotional support to vulnerable pupils and their families. As a school, we are committed to 'Achievement for All' and, therefore, place a strong emphasis on developing parental engagement as a means of improving outcomes for our pupils.

We are looking to employ a person who is enthusiastic, approachable and self-motivated. Highly developed interpersonal skills and a good sense of humour are essential! For more information & an application form please log on to www.kent-teach.com Ref:KCC2691-129S

Staff Development Day (SDD)

I would like to inform parents that we have now decided on our last development day of the year and this will take place on **FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2015**. The other two remaining dates are Friday 16th October 2015, next week and Friday 8th July 2016. Please make a note of these dates.

Letters sent home this week: Year 1 & 2 Flu Immunisation, Sibling photographs and Data collection sheets.

A Prayer for Harvest



Creator God, you give seed for us to sow, and bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we have received and generous in supplying the needs of others so all the world may give you thanks and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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