

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)  
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it has been another very busy week at school for everyone concerned.

This week has seen children across the school take part in the Remembrance Services with the Mayor and other dignitaries, my thanks to Isabel, Joshua and Harriet for representing the school so beautifully at church last Sunday, and to members of year 6 who took part in the Armistice Service on Wednesday .

Parent consultations have taken place this week and it was good to see so many parents at school catching up on the progress being made by their children and discussing the next steps of development. As I write, I recall something I often heard my father say, *'Time invested in improving ourselves, cuts down on time wasted in disapproving of others.'* It is for that reason, I will be writing to parents who were unable to attend parent evening to offer opportunities for them to find out how their child is presently doing at school.'

Last term, I promised parents we would provide opportunities to find out more about the curriculum at St Nicholas and how as a parent you can support your child's learning. This term we will focus on reading and how maths is taught at school and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these curriculum workshops.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

**Headteacher**

**Curriculum Workshops**

At St Nicholas we firmly believe in the home school partnership. Working together to support the learning of the children is of paramount importance and any supportive discussions/strategies we can offer are welcomed.

This term we have devised a programme of Workshops to promote learning at home and school. The detail below gives an overview of what is planned. As each workshop takes place we will add a link of the presentation to the schools website on the curriculum pages so if parents were unable to attend they will have access to the subject material.

**Reading workshops** – these are planned for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30 – 6:30pm for Foundation/KS1 and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5:30 – 6:30pm for KS2.

**Maths workshops** – When would you like these to take place? Please indicate your preference on the tick boxes below and return to school.

Before the end of the school day between 2pm and 3pm?	
At the end of the school day after 3pm but before 5pm	
Later in the evening after 6.30pm with refreshments.	

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** PTFA  
Bring a gift day.  
Details to follow

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Prospective parents meeting at 9.30am

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** PTFA  
Fayre

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** KS1  
Nativity 2pm

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** KS1  
Nativity 9.30am

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
School Panto

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** PTFA  
Disco

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** School  
Christmas Dinner

**TERM DATES**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Term 2  
ends at 3pm

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Term 3

Children return to school

**Staff Development Days**

The school will be closed to children on these dates

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

## Attendance

Well done to Kestrels class who achieved 99.6% attendance this week.  
Whole school attendance was 96.1%

### Class attendances were:

Squirrels	99.5%	Hedgehogs	98.5%
Otter	98.3%	Badgers	93.8%
Eagles	98.1%	Owls	96.2%
Kestrels	99.6%	Kites	93.3%
Birch	95.5%	Maple	98.2%
Willow	97.3%	Chestnuts	94%
Rowan	92.5%		

**Our target for attendance is 96.6%,**

### This week at St Nicholas....

The children represented the school at the Armistice day service with the Mayor of New Romney and others.



The children in year 3 have also started taking part in their opportunities under the School Sport Premium to learn and find out more about skiing – just wait; this lot may be in the next winter Olympics!

St Nicholas was also represented at the Shepway High 5 Netball tournament this week. The children were accompanied by Miss Arnold, Mrs Wozny and Miss Cox. The children did remarkably well, winning many of their games against Lydd, Harcourt, Hythe Bay and St Eanswythe. Our thanks to all the adults who

accompanied them as without their support these activities could not take place.

### Star Awards

**Star of the week awards go to: Squirrels:** Jack M, **Otters:** Lily-May, **Owls:** Daniel, **Kites:** Omie, **Birch:** Keira, **Maple:** Lucan, **Chestnut:** Courtney

**Work to be proud of awards go to: Hedgehogs:** Jaiden,

**Badgers:** Boglar, **Eagles:** Jessica, **Kestrels:** Joseph, **Willow:** Jake, **Rowan:** Joshua

**Nicholas Bear to: Squirrels**



**CaterLink Catering Assistant Required: 11:30am – 1:30pm term time only. Please contact Sue Lucas on 07716888212**

**Please Note** – Messy Church will **NOT** be held at the school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November but will now be held at St Nicholas Church.

**Letters sent home this week:** Foundation Stage Sainsbury's visit and Christmas Dinner letter.