

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)**  
**Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I informed parents in last week's newsletter, we were visited by a representative of the Diocese of Canterbury to carry out the Church Schools Inspection. I would like to thank all the parents who spoke to the inspector, along with those who took the time to meet with her formally. Throughout the inspection the children's behaviour was commented and highlighted upon positively to school leaders. As soon as the report is available to us we will publish this on the school website.

Last week, year 6 secondary school placements were announced. If parents have not been able to secure their first choice preference, please make an appointment via the school office and I will be happy to assist where I am able.

We continue to have the Local Authority visit. Last week, the emphasis of the visit was on the quality of marking and feedback. This is an area where the school has worked hard to ensure the feedback marking allows children to make progress in their work. Pupil feedback makes the biggest possible difference in supporting learning and helping children make the best possible progress. This comes in a variety of forms from verbal feedback, pupil self assessment and feedback in marking. At St Nicholas we are pleased with the way we continue to develop a culture of feedback in marking. We focus our feedback on pupil progress, effort and determination. We provide children with next learning steps or a learning question linked to the learning intention. Do ask your child how marking is helping them to improve as a learner.

We have a new member of staff joining the school team. Hayley Bartlett will be starting as receptionist in the office this week. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome at St Nicholas.  
Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely  
Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

### **Sports Relief**

On Friday 18th March the school will be participating in Sport Relief, one of the UK's biggest fundraising events. Half the money raised in Sport Relief is spent in the UK, the other half is spent in the world's poorest communities.

We are inviting the children and staff to wear their favourite sports kit for the day in return for a donation of £1 for Sport Relief. The children can wear their football kit, cricket whites, dance kit or just some joggers and a t-shirt (Please do not send additional props such as racquets and sticks for safety reasons!)

There will be a special assembly where the children will learn about how the money raised will be spent.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
PTFA Easter Fayre  
3pm onwards

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Prayer week with Rev Julie

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Sports Relief Day

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Class School photos day

### **TERM DATES**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Term ends

**Easter Holiday**  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 5**  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday Monday**  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – school closed

**May Half Term**  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

**Term 6**  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

### **Staff Development Day**

The school will be closed to children on this date

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

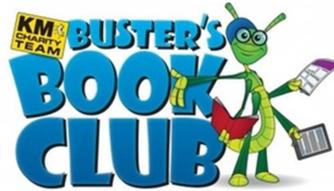
## Busters Book Club

This week 167 children met their weekly reading target – Fantastic!

147 exceeded their weekly reading challenge – two new records for us! This takes our exceeding minutes total, since the competition started, to **21547** minutes. Well done to all of you for your super reading!

**Winning classes this week** – The focus was the classes with the highest amount of children reaching their reading target. The winning classes were, in KS1 **Owls 50%** and in KS2 **Birch 76%**. **Congratulations to both classes.**

Key Stage 1 we really need a big push on reading at home and remembering to PLEASE bring your bookmarks into school!



This weeks collective worship focus is:

**REFLECTING ON THE SEA AS WILD & STORMY**

**Psalms 89:9** "You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them."

## Attendance

Well done to class Rowan who achieved 100% attendance in the week ending 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Whole school attendance to 4<sup>th</sup> March was 94.3%.

**Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.**

## Romney Marsh Community Church – Friday Club

Meets Friday 6 - 7.30pm for children in school years 3 – 6

It's an informal social time for children to join in with fun games and activities and chill together.

## Star Awards

**Star of the week awards went to: Squirrels:** Aaliyah A,

**Otters:** Freddy W, **Owls:** Ashleigh R, **Kites:** Milli C, **Birch:** Maddox T,

**Maple:** Skye T, **Chestnut:** Joe S

**Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs:** Sophie B,

**Badgers:** Ryan P, **Eagles:** Harry D, **Kestrels:** Sophie T,

**Willow:** Madison S, **Rowan:** Morgan P



## Sailing at St Nicholas...



Last week the children in year 6 visited 'The Rye Water Sports Centre,' taking the opportunity to learn new skills in sailing.

The children spent the afternoon learning a range of skills such as tacking, gybing and sailing across the wind and up wind. All the children reported that they had a great time.

**Vacancy** We are seeking to appoint **mid-day supervisors** who will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and engage children whilst ensuring their safety and wellbeing. You will need excellent communication skills and have the ability to create a positive environment. Good time management and ability to use your own initiative is essential.

The main responsibilities of the role are: to supervise pupils during mealtimes, to supervise outdoor play activities (indoors in bad weather), to prevent accidents, where possible, and provide basic first aid or seek help from a designated first aider, according to the Health and Safety Policy.

The post is from 12 noon to 1.15pm daily during term time only with opportunities for overtime to attend staff training and development. For more details see [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)

**PTFA Easter Fayre - reminder** This will take place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** from 3pm onwards – we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event.

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