

Monday 20th June 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week saw the end of all of the National Testing and Phonics Screening across the school. All the children have worked very hard in their different areas, Year 1 & 2 doing the phonics screen, Year 2 and 6 taking part in their end of year assessments. The school this year will have all of its assessments externally audited. This is a robust process which allows us to see if our judgements are in line with national expectations.

This week is Book Week, with today being Book Character Day to kick the whole event off. As a school we have worked very hard this year to raise the profile of reading. While we do as much as we can to encourage the children to read regularly and remind them of the benefits, we rely wholly on you as parents and carers to support us in this aim. Please do try and find time to take part in the activities on offer this week and as always – encourage your child to read. It would be great to see higher numbers of readers than usual in Busters Book Club Challenge!

On Friday, we will be visited by Saint Joseph School, from Saint Andre in Lille, France. It will be the first time we will have met with the children of the school. Our year 4/5 children have been busy learning their basic vocabulary and phrases to practise their French with our visitors. Apart from the French, they have also prepared their pen friend postcards in readiness for the visit. The day promises to be filled with fun and we are grateful to St Mary in the Marsh Twinning Association for all their support and help in setting up the visit.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Grammar Schools Open Evening Information

The Harvey Grammar School will be holding their open evening on **Wednesday 6th July from 18.30 – 21.00**. The evening is designed for Year 5 boys, who together with their parents/ carers might be keen to see what the school has to offer.

The Folkestone School for Girls will be holding their open evening on **Thursday 7th July 18.00 – 20.00**. The school has provided fliers for parents who may be interested and these can be located outside the school office.

Applications for the Shepway Tests for both schools is via the respective schools website. Parents should note that the deadline for applications is **Monday 11th July**.

Ready to Learn Every Day

This week's leaflet is, 'Preparing for change at school'

Dates for your diary

Tues 21st June –
Year 1 & 3 Parent /Teacher consultations 4.30 – 7.30pm

Wed 22nd June –
Family First Aid Training 9.30am (3 of 3)
2.15pm Read and Relax with Parents
Year 1 & 3 Parent /Teacher consultations 3.20pm – 6.00pm

Thurs 23rd June – Story telling PJ Night 6pm – 7pm

Fri 24th June –
French partner school visiting year 4 & 5
PTFA Bring a Gift non-uniform day

Fri 1st July –
Year 4, 5 & 6 taking part in Marsh Olympics at Marsh academy
PTFA Summer Fayre at 3pm
Registration for Kent Test (11+) closes at 12 midnight

Tues 5th July - Year 1 Trip to Museum of Kent Life

Thurs 7th July – Year R, 1, 2 & 3 Sports day during the morning, parents welcome

Fri 8th July – School Closed SDD
7pm Year 6 Leavers Prom

Tues 12th July
Year 6 Transition day at Marsh Academy
Year R to 5 transition with meet the new teacher at 6pm for parents

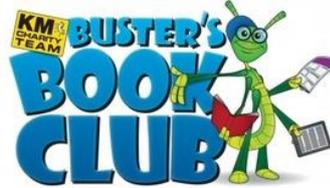
Wed 13th July
Year 6 Transition day at Marsh Academy

TERM DATES 2016

Term 6 Ends
Thurs 21st July

Busters Book Club

A great week of reading with 148 children meeting their reading target and 119 of those exceeding their targets. Well done – Now let's keep reading!



WINNING CLASSES THIS WEEK

Foundation & KS1: - *With highest % of children reading from the class:*

Eagles: 63%

KS2: - *With highest amounts of minutes reading from the class:*

Willow: 1648 additional minutes reading

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

Attendance

Well done to Kites class who achieved 98.7% attendance in the week ending 17th June.

Whole school attendance to 17th June was 94.4%.

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

Book week events this week

- **Wednesday 22nd June** at 2.15pm - Read and Relax, Parents are invited into their child's class to share a story from home or the school book corner.
- **Also on Wednesday**, the travelling book fair is arriving and will be open after school every day for a week, please come along and see the fantastic book offers.
- **Thursday 23rd June** is story swap day. We are inviting children to bring a book which they have read and swap it for one they have not.
- **PJ Night.** On Thursday bring your child back to school at 6pm – 7pm for a bedtime story read by a member of staff, while parents have a cuppa and visit the book fair.

St Nicholas PTFA

Our Summer Fayre will be held on **Friday 1st July** at 3pm and we need your help! If you are able to spare a little time we would love to see you!

Please remember **Friday 24th June** (this Friday) is Non-uniform donation day. In return for bringing in a gift for the Fayre, children will be able to take part in the non-uniform donation day. We would be grateful to receive a gift / donation that could be used either as a tombola or raffle prize.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Star Awards

Start of the week awards went to: Squirrels: Jack M, **Otters:** Hayley TD, **Owls:** Jayleigh Y, **Kites:** Lily A, **Birch:** Molly L, **Maple:** Frankie P, **Chestnut:** Amelie R

Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Zac P, **Badgers:** Joshua P, **Eagles:** Macie W, Piper C, Faye W, Mia T, **Kestrels:** Callum D,

Willow: Luca M, **Rowan:** Evie C



Nicholas Bear awarded to... Otters and Badgers!

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Collective Worship

This week's collective worship focus is:
PRAYING FOR OTHERS

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

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.

Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

For Pre-school Children, Parents & Carers – we meet every Wednesday, 1.45pm – 2.45pm, weekly during term times for Food, Fun and Fellowship.