

Monday 18th July 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of my first year at St Nicholas I wish to thank all those who have supported the school. Much has been accomplished this year and there is still much to do, however I am pleased to say the school is moving forward in the right direction.

Planning has already started for next year's curriculum and the new members of staff have all visited the school and the children they will be teaching. Our curriculum continues to develop in line with previous recommendations and we look forward to expanding the role of parents in children's learning in the year ahead.

In the new school year we will start a Parent Council. This is a group of parents selected by members of the parent community to represent all the parents of children at the school. Parent Councils have an important role to play in ensuring that children's education is enriched by parents' valuable life experience, individual personal skills and unique knowledge of their own child. I hope many of you will consider this role over the school holiday.

I would like to wish the Year 6 children of Chestnut and Rowan all the very best as they start on the next phase of their educational journey. This week will see their performances of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and their leavers service in which they will share their memories with friends and family.

I must also mention the ongoing fantastic voluntary support we receive – I find it hard to believe that there is a school which is better supported. I'd really like to say a massive thank you to the volunteers who come in and listen to readers.... we couldn't do it without you!

Have a wonderful holiday.
Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Busters Book Club

We had a great week last week with Busters Book Club. On Tuesday two representatives from Badgers class went on a photo call to Leeds Castle because the Badgers were the district winners for the summer term. This means that every child in Badgers class was awarded with a free ticket to Leeds Castle!



This week 135 exceeded their reading target.

WINNING CLASSES THIS WEEK

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

EAGLES

KS2: - *With highest % of children reading from the class:*

KESTRELS – Well done – Now let's keep reading!

Dates for your diary

Tues 19th July

Year 2 Trip to Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest

6pm Year 6 Production to parents

Thurs 21st July

Year 6 Leavers service at St Nicholas Church at 9:30am

TERM ENDS

Have a great summer holiday!

Tues 6th September 2016

Children return to school



This weeks collective worship focus is:

ST PAUL

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

Ready to Learn Every Day

This week's leaflet is, 'Praise and Reward'

Summer Reading Challenge

This year St Nicholas CE Primary Academy is taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Last year we were the school with the greatest number of children taking part and came 1st in Shepway.

The aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays. Every year there's a different theme; this year it's The Big Friendly Read linking up with the global year-long Roald Dahl 100 celebrations honouring the world's No.1 Storyteller.

Enrolling your child

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven. It is run in almost all libraries in the UK and it is completely free.

Go to your local library during the summer holidays – the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge.

You can go to any UK library running the Summer Reading Challenge and you don't have to keep going to the same library. So if you are on holiday in the UK your child should still be able to keep up with the Challenge.



The Summer Reading Challenge website

The Summer Reading Challenge website allows your child to log the books they have read during the summer – and beyond. They can also find new books to read, as recommended by other children, watch exclusive author videos, take part in competitions and play games.

At St Nicholas we are also offering prizes to each family to enter a draw if their child reaches the target!



Bob the Bee visited the school to remind children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year! 'Come on St Nicholas let's do Shepway proud again this year!'

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