

Monday 19th September 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first full week back at school. The children have settled really well into their new classes and new routines and the behaviour and attitude to learning across the school is outstanding.

From today our Reception children begin full days and we are very excited about having them with us in the afternoons as well. I would like to remind the Year 6 parents about the Secondary Transfer Meeting details over the page. If after the presentation you have any further questions or would like to make an appointment to go through the process in more detail then please contact myself, Miss Barrow or the school office.

Please be mindful of checking the weather daily. We like to get the children outside as much as possible at playtime so it is essential they have a coat on rainy days.

Today you will also receive details of our proposed parent council or as I would like them to be known, Parent Ambassadors. Parent Ambassadors will be a group of parents selected by members of the parent community to represent all the parents of children at school. I hope some of you will feel this is a role you would like within the school.

No doubt by now many of you will be aware of the change of caterers and systems within the school particularly for Key Stage 2 pupils. I was pleased to receive this feedback on the new meal arrangements;

I wanted to pass on some positive feedback received from my daughter about the new school dinners. She is a fierce critic of food standards as she is an avid watcher of cookery programmes and loves baking. So far the dinners have been "really good, much better!"

It's always good to get feedback but especially feedback like this.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We will be taking part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on **Friday 30th September**. Please come and join us in the school training room from 8.35am until 10:30am where we will be selling cakes and refreshments to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity which helps to change the lives of people affected by cancer. If you are able to donate cakes for this event please bring them along to the school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Please do try and come along for a chance to chat with other parents and to support this worthy cause. Thank you.

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**Dates for your
diary**

Mon 19th Sept – Year R children start Full Time

Wed 21st Sept – Year 6 Secondary transfer meeting for parents 6pm

Fri 30th Sept – 8.35am Macmillan Coffee morning

Thurs 13th Oct – Kent Test (11+) Results day

Fri 31st Oct – Year 6 Secondary Admissions close

TERM DATES
2016/17

TERM1
Tues 6th Sept – Fri 21st Oct 2016

TERM 2
Mon 31st Oct – Fri 16th Dec 2016

TERM 3
Tues 3rd Jan – Fri 10th Feb 2017

TERM 4
Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st March

TERM 5
Wed 19th April – Fri 26th May

TERM 6
Mon 5th June – Fri 21st July

INSET DAYS
School Closed to Children

**19th 20th & 21st
December 2016**

Tues 18th April 2017

Mon 1st May
Bank Holiday Monday
– school closed

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance in the week ending 16th September:

- Hedgehogs – 100%
- Beech – 99.1%
- Badgers – 98.6%

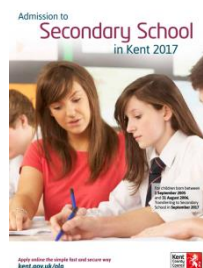
Classes with best punctuality were **Hedgehogs** with No Lates.

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

Year Six Secondary Transfer – Closing date 31st October 2016

Information about the application process, school open days and the full school booklet is available on the Kent County Council website; www.kent.gov.uk

We will be holding a meeting for parents regarding the secondary transfer process on Wednesday 21st September at 6.00pm in Beech class. It is essential that all parents/carers attend.



Collective Worship

This weeks collective worship focus is:

JOURNEYS

“Blessed is the one that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.”

Jeremiah 17:7

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.

Star Awards

Star of the week awards went to: Badgers: Harry G, **Eagles:** Hayley T-D, **Kites:** Mollie C, **Birch:** Kai A, **Willow:** Charlie S, **Rowan:** Adam S.
Work to be proud of awards went to: Otters: Neil S, **Owls:** Boglar B-G, **Kestrels:** Violet B, **Chestnuts:** Tommy A, **Maple:** George C, **Beech:** Julia H.



Nicholas Bear awarded to... ROWAN

School Dinners

School dinners cost £2.20 per day or £11 per week

A polite reminder, dinner must be ordered in advance for the days they are required. The kitchen are very happy to accept payment for dinners on odd days such as Wednesday roast or Friday chip day, but these must be paid for on the Monday and not on the day they are required.

Our catering company will soon be providing parents with the opportunity to make payments online we will inform you as soon as this facility becomes available.

ParentMail

At St Nicholas we try very hard to keep parents/carers regularly informed about what is happening at school however, sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray.

We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved.

To help improve these areas we use a service called ParentMail which is used by over 2,500 schools across the UK to communicate with parents by email and text message.

ParentMail is beneficial to parents/carers because:

- Messages will get to you reliably
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time (if both parents register)
- You will quickly know about important or urgent messages
- We can tell you more about what is going on at school
- Please make sure the school knows your email address

PLEASE REGISTER THE SERVICE WILL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF YOU SIGN UP

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