

Monday 10th October 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was another very busy week at St Nicholas. The children across the school have all been very busy applying for or being trained up for additional responsibilities across the school. Very soon you will meet our new Junior Road Safety Officers. They will shortly be attending a conference along with other children from across Kent and making sure our community is safe for pupils and parents when it comes to road safety and sense. Year 5 children took part in Playground Buddies Training last week with support from Project Salus. I am reliably informed that the children have come up with some great ideas and that these will be part of a big launch in the new term.

As a school we have drafted our key actions linked to each of our priorities. Shortly we will be meeting with the school council to ensure that our children are also involved in determining the direction of the school. Alongside this, we would also like parent feedback on each of the priorities so that we can work together to ensure that St Nicholas CE Primary Academy is one which we are all really proud of. I look forward to hearing your views. Please see attached our priorities for 2016-2017.

Yours sincerely

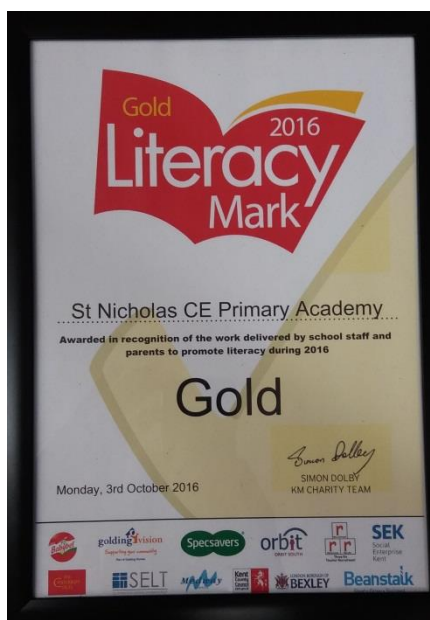
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School Success

On Monday last week Miss Barrow attended the KM Charity Team Forum at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel.

As parents are aware the school takes part in the reading initiative called 'Buster's Book Club'. This scheme is run in partnership with Kent County Council, Medway Council and KM Charity Team. The aim is to improve reading levels in schools by encouraging children to read for pleasure at home. We have been fortunate over the past few months to receive several awards from the challenge days set by the KM.

During the ceremony on Monday we were delighted to receive the Gold Literacy Mark for 2016 in recognition of the work delivered by school staff and parents to promote literacy during the past year.



Dates for your diary

Thurs 13th Oct

Kent Test (11+) Results day

Tues 18th Oct

Please join us for the PTFA AGM at 2.15pm

Mon 24th to Fri 28th Oct
HALF TERM – school closed

Mon 31st Oct

Term 2 starts – children return to school

Yr 6 Secondary School Admissions close

Tues 1st Nov

Whole School Parent & Teacher consultations 4pm to 7.30pm

Astrodome visit for Years 2 & 6

Children starting school in 2017 – Meeting in the Children's Centre 3.30pm - 6pm

Thurs 3rd Nov

Whole School Parent & Teacher consultations 3.30pm to 6pm

Flu Immunisation for Year R, Y1, Y2 & Y3

Fri 4th Nov

Y3 Skiing Group 1

Mon 7th Nov

Year 6 Residential Week at Kingswood

Tues 8th Nov

Yr 5 Canterbury Cathedral Visit

Thurs 10th Nov

Open Day Tours for Sept 2017 entrants at 9.30am & 1.30pm

Mon 14th Nov

Anti Bullying Activities Week – details to follow

TERM 2 ends

Fri 16th Dec 2016

TERM 3 starts

Tues 3rd January 2017

Busters Book Club

Last week we were looking for the highest number of **additional minutes** read. In KS1 **Badgers** had 54 minutes of additional reading

In KS2 **Beech** had an enormous 1250 minutes of additional reading

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

Clearly from the results so far, more support is being given in KS2. Come on KS1 Parents, let's get the children reading!



This week's collective worship focus is:

ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY LIFE

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

1 Corinthians 9:1

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.

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.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance in the week ending 7th October:

- Maple 98.8%
- Rowan 98.7%

Whole school attendance to 7th October was 96.9%.

The Class with the best punctuality was Birch with 0 Lates.

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

Hythe & Romney Marsh Lions Club – Clean Ship Project.

Throughout the last academic year, children in Year 5 (now Year 6) were part of the Clean Ship Project. Earlier this term we were visited by the Chair of Hythe and Romney Marsh Lions Club who visited the school termly to ensure the children were looking after their school grounds. The children were presented with their Certificates of Excellence for 2015 - 2016 for keeping their playgrounds free from litter.



This was the first time we participated in the Clean Ship Project and as well as the certificate we received a cheque for £150.00. We look forward to participating in the scheme again this year.

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to: Squirrels: Lucy H, **Otters:** Harley M, **Owls:** Lottie L, **Kestrels:** Max L, **Chestnuts:** Hayden K, **Maple:** Jake M, **Beech:** Tilly-May L

Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: William T, **Badgers:** Mia N, **Eagles:** Lola B, **Kites:** Demi-Elise A, **Birch:** Lacey D, **Willow:** Daisy-May M, **Rowan:** Maddox T



Nicholas Bear awarded to... BIRCH!

Coats, Hats and Gloves!

At break times we do like the children to be out enjoying the fresh air as much as they can. We would like you to remind you that the children do need their coats and other items of clothing as suitable to the conditions of the day. Thank you for your help with this.

Parents Evenings

These will be held after school on **Tuesday 1st** (4pm - 7.30pm) and **Thursday 3rd November 2016** (3:30pm - 6pm). **Parents will only be able to book their consultation slots via Parent Mail.** If you have not already done so please sign up to Parent Mail. Please look out for further information on this system nearer the time. Thank you.

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St Nicholas CE Primary Academy 2016-17

This plan will be deemed successful if the following is achieved:

- To raise the quality of teaching further - 100% of teaching is graded as good and 38% is graded as outstanding by the end of Term 6 July 17 (16 Teachers)
- EYFS target for GLD will be 75%+ (July 2017) with 70% of boys achieving GLD with a specific focus in writing
- Y1 phonics target will be to at least be in line with national standards (2016) with 82%+ achieving age related standards (July 2017) with a gap of no more than 10% between disadvantaged pupils and no disadvantaged pupils
- Pupils will continue to make rapid and sustained progress - (at least 6 steps Y1-6) including vulnerable groups – see Year group targets
- Pupil Premium pupils will continue to make accelerated progress- 6+ steps in Y1-6
- Higher attaining pupils (HAP) to meet higher age related threshold standard with 100% of HAP pupils meeting at least ARE
- 85% of pupils will meet Age Related Expectations (ARE) (July 2017)
- 25% of pupils will exceed ARE (July 2017)
- Attendance Target 96.0 (July 2017)

KEY PRIORITIES (KP)

1. Effectiveness of Leadership & Management	2. Quality of Teaching, Learning & Assessment	3. Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare	4. Outcomes for pupils	5. Effectiveness of Early Year Provision
<p>Strengthen the Leadership of aspiring Middle Leaders to ensure all pupils attain and progress to their full potential</p> <p>To ensure the school's considerable strengths are shared more widely so that greater numbers of children benefit from the excellent quality of education and its leaders have to offer</p> <p>To develop the Governing Body to become a robust partner in the monitoring of the school development plan and to be able to effectively review and understand the schools priorities</p> <p>To ensure the effective financial management of the budget and resources</p>	<p>To ensure that work provided for all pupils across the school appropriately matches their needs with a focus on lower achieving pupils (LAPs) and disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Achievement of consistently good teaching, learning & assessment, will be raise achievement of higher attaining pupils within KS1 and 2 achieved throughout the school.</p> <p>Marking and feedback is constructive and developmental ensuring pupils understand what they need to do to improve and it enables them to develop independence. To ensure pupils understand their next steps.</p> <p>Assessment of pupils and progress is accurate for all groups and moderation within school and with outside partners shows judgements to be accurate</p>	<p>To continue to improve the rates of attendance for all groups of pupils, particularly disadvantaged, to maximise opportunities for learning.</p> <p>To continue to develop parental engagement for all groups of pupils so that the majority of parents actively support their child's learning especially those of disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>To further develop resilient learners through a focus on pupil wellbeing.</p> <p>To promote a culture within the school where the safety of every child is paramount.</p>	<p>To pursue a relentless drive to close the gap between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium pupils.</p> <p>To strive to address any significant gender gaps.</p> <p>To raise achievement in ALL areas of the curriculum.</p> <p>To raise the achievement of pupils to meet higher threshold standards in all areas of the curriculum</p>	<p>To continue to improve outcomes for children in EYFS, especially disadvantaged pupils and the gap between girls and boys.</p> <p>To ensure a high proportion of pupils exceed GLDs</p> <p>To further develop the outside area so that it offers consistently excellent provision which mirrors indoor activities and maximises learning opportunities.</p>