

Monday 31st October 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I do hope that you all had a good break which included the opportunity for plenty of rest. Term two is always a busy time in the school calendar - the school takes part in many community events, not to mention the Christmas activities which are only just around the corner.

Thank you to everyone who visited their child's class at the end of last term to review the learning that has taken place. I was most pleased with the feedback received from many of the parents who visited. I do hope as many of you as possible will attend the parent consultations, where I hope you will continue to be pleased with your child's progress.

This week children will be bringing home their attendance certificate for the previous term. On the whole there has been an improvement in attendance across the school but just as with all things there is always room for improvement.

As few as 19 days missed over the school year dramatically reduces your child's chances of success. Your child will be missing valuable learning if they are not in school or are frequently late. Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning and ensure that they are in school every day and on time.

On a different matter, applications for September 2017 admissions open on 7 November 2016 and close on 16 January 2017.

At St Nicholas we will be holding an Open Day on **Thursday 10th November** inviting parents to see the school in action and meet with me. These sessions will take place at 9.30am and again at 1.30pm. Refreshments will also be provided. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school in September, please pass the details on to them. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

A JRSO is a pupil who promotes road safety to pupils, parents and the whole school community. They work with a named adult from the school staff (our FLO – Lisa Baker) and their local Road Safety Officer.

This week the JRSO at St Nicholas will be presenting their ideas to children in our whole school assembly along with a competition for the whole school. We do hope that parents will support our JRSO's in promoting road safety across the school community.



Our JRSO's are:
Matilda G, Keira H, George C and Ethan C

Dates for your diary

Mon 31st Oct

Year 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
Children's Centre 3:30-
6pm

Thurs 3rd Nov

Whole School Parent &
Teacher consultations
3.30pm to 6pm

Flu Immunisation for
Year R, Y1, Y2 & Y3

Fri 4th Nov

Year 3 Skiing Group 1

Year 4 Boxing &
Basketball – please
ensure a PE kit is in
school

Mon 7th Nov

Year 6 Residential Week
at Kingswood

Tues 8th Nov

Year 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

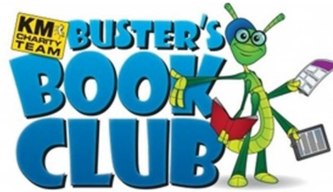
POPPY APPEAL 2016

*This year we will be
collecting for the Royal
British Legion Poppy
Appeal – Please may we
suggest a donation of £1
per Poppy.*



Busters Book Club

The Busters Book Club initiative is designed to make reading cool and sets children an individual home reading target depending on their year group. Children are then set a series of challenges throughout the year – these include inter-class and inter-school events all of which culminate with an annual record attempt. So far this year children in KS2 have read a greater number of books and for a longer time than children in KS1. Parents we really do need your help in reading with your child more regularly. Please support us with this initiative.



This weeks collective worship focus is:
CELEBRATING WISDOM
'Hold on to what you learn, for your education is your life.'
Proverbs: 4:13

Attendance – Every Day Counts

School attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for St Nicholas CE Primary Academy. We are constantly monitoring pupil attendance and want to work together with parents to help ensure excellent attendance and punctuality.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96%.

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance last term were:

Hedgehogs	98.4%	Kites	96.7%
Squirrels	95.7%	Chestnut	94.7%
Badgers	97%	Birch	96.9%
Otters	95.1%	Maple	96.1%
Owls	98.4%	Willow	95.7%
Eagles	95.1%	Rowan	95.5%
Kestrels	95.9%	Beech	95.1%

The Whole school target is 96%

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

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to: Squirrels: Cayla R, **Otters:** Harry D, **Owls:** Eva A, **Kites:** Daniel S, **Chestnut:** Lily A, **Maple:** Jessica G, **Beech:** Kyle T



Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Madison S, **Badgers:** Keira H, **Eagles:** Jack S, **Kestrels:** Angel P, **Birch:** Lily H, **Willow:** Alfie E, **Rowan:** Aaliyah S

Nicholas Bear awarded to...Foundation Stage!

Parents Evenings

These will be held on **Tuesday 1st** (4pm ~ 7.30pm) & **Thursday 3rd November 2016** (3:30pm ~ 6pm). **Parents can still book their consultations via Parent Mail.** If you have not already done so please sign up to Parent Mail.

Secondary School Transfer - The secondary school transfer deadline is **TODAY- Monday 31st October**. If you have a child in Year 6 who has yet to make an application please visit this website: www.kent.gov.uk/ola where you can submit an online application.



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