

Monday 3rd October 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week of learning at St Nicholas ~ Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Harvest Festival Service and for the donations that were so kindly sent in by so many families. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by those to whom the donations were made.

Thank you also to all those who joined us for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Your support enabled us to raise over £120. A wonderful achievement for a worthwhile cause, thank you.

At the end of the last term the governors and staff took part in a training day reviewing the importance of values in our school. The training day was led by members of the Diocese and was an action point as part of the SIAMs inspection visit at the school earlier this year.

I believe everyone needs values to guide them through life. Without values we have no anchor, nothing on which to base our decisions and priorities and we recognise the huge role parents have to play in helping us embed our values into a British way of life. This evening I will be sending home to parents the most popular values that were focused on at our training day with Governors and staff. I would like you as parent to have your input into this process and would warmly welcome your feedback.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School Games Mark Success

We are delighted to have been awarded the Sainsbury's Silver Games Mark. The School Games Mark is an awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school. OfSTED use the Mark award as part of their inspection framework and schools can use it as a development tool to improve the quality of access and provision of sport across the school.

To achieve SILVER LEVEL schools must meet all of the prerequisites as well as the following:

- provide all students with two hours of physical education and school sport per week (made up of curricular and extra-curricular activity)
- engage at least 35% of students in extracurricular sporting activity every week
- regularly feature match reports and competition results on the school website and in the local press

The aim now is to apply for the Gold Standard this school year.



Dates for your diary

Wed 5th Oct

Swimming starts for Yr 4 Group 1 of 4

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 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 of 4

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

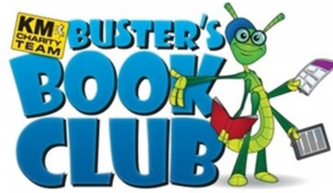
Busters Book Club

Kestrels won the challenge overall with 72% of readers and got themselves tickets for Leeds Castle. A big improvement in KS2 - it was very close!

Hedgehogs got the KS1 award with 50% of children reading. **CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES**

As a school we read for a total of 4419 minutes. A BIG improvement.

The children were told in assembly on Friday that there is a competition next week across schools in Kent. We could win a visit from Ben Roddy from the Marlow Theatre where he will read in a school assembly – Let's get reading!



This weeks collective worship focus is:
**CELEBRATING
ST PAUL'S LIFE
JOURNEY**

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

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance in the week ending 30th September:

- Kites 100%
- Badgers 100%

Whole school attendance to 30th September was 96.9%.

The Class with the best punctuality was Kites with no Lates.

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

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.

Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL)

At St Nicholas we believe that your child is of great importance and in order to be able to learn they need to be happy, confident, understand themselves, understand their feelings and know how to get on with each other and make friends.

To help all our children with this, we will be working in school on special activities that develop these skills. Our first focus is on New Beginnings. During this term we will be exploring how to create a learning environment that helps the children learn together in a happy, busy and safe way. They will also learn about the feelings they have when they are happy, sad, scared and excited, and how to manage these feelings in the classroom.

Over the year we will introduce activities to do at home. Some of these will be best done together with an adult. We hope you will enjoy doing these activities with your child. We will be happy to talk about this with you if you would like.

Thank you.

Miss H. Franks – Computing, E-safety & PSHE Leader

Star Awards



Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: Harley D, **Badgers:** Jacob R, **Eagles:** Edward M, **Kites:** Jayden S, **Birch:** Frankey S, **Willow:** Frankie P, **Beech:** Millie A, **Rowan:** Amber B



Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Ava A, **Otters:** Aaliyah A, **Owls:** Ruby L, **Kestrels:** Tyler-James P, **Chestnuts:** Louisa W, **Maple:** Harvey S-R

Nicholas Bear awarded to... BIRCH!

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.

Parking outside school

After last week's newsletter comments, a huge thank you to all the parents who made a really big difference to the safety and well-being of our children last week through the much improved parking outside of the school. Please do keep this up - it is for the safety and well being of all our children. If we could refrain from parking outside driveways of the schools neighbours that would also be of a great assistance too. Thank you.

Follow us on Twitter



Our school is connected! We now have over 170 followers.

Please follow us on Twitter, we use this social media tool to share, connect, and collaborate with the world around us. This school year we will use the school Twitter account (@St_Nicholas_CEP) to share snippets of our work, learning, and life at school.

Our goal will be to tweet several days a week. We will tweet about our work or exciting goings-on at school.

Pupil safety will remain our concern and the account will operate in line with the schools e-safety policy. Using these social media tools will give you a glimpse into our school and your child's learning in a new and exciting format. We think you will love being "connected"!

Check out the Class Blogs

On the school website you will see the tab "Class Pages" if you follow the link to your child's year group you will be able to see the Year Group Blog. These are designed so that parents can see the timetable for the year group along with the overview of what is being taught each term. Links will also be made here to "MyMaths" and other homework activities. Classes should be updating their Blog Page weekly.

Change in arrangements for collecting children

From time to time we all have to rely on someone else to collect our children from school; the difficulty arises when someone new turns up who the teacher has not met before. If a 'new person' is going to be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please inform the school as soon as possible. It would be helpful for us to be provided with the name and brief description of the adult who is going to be collecting your child and if that person could have ID to verify who they are. Without such information, the class teacher will delay releasing your child into the care of persons unknown.

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