



Monday 21st November 2016
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the ways we continue to try to improve as a school is by encouraging feedback from our parents on a regular basis. We now send out a 'Parent Questionnaire' annually to give parents the chance to suggest ways in which the school can improve as well as letting us know what the children have enjoyed so that we can continue to provide an exciting curriculum for our pupils. A lot has taken place at St Nicholas over the last year and we want to be able to move forward as a school. We would appreciate you completing the questionnaire and returning this to the school by **Monday 28th November**. This feedback will then be used by the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and staff to help develop the school further.

Last week was 'Anti-Bullying' week. Part of the main message was to ensure children understood that at St Nicholas we are a telling school. I don't believe that one anti-bullying week per year is enough to ensure that the children learn how to treat one another, the potential consequences of their actions and what to do if someone is upsetting them. Our new values however, will give us the opportunity to explore issues surrounding mutual respect throughout the year. Please do read about the activities at the end of the newsletter highlighting what took place over the week.

No doubt by now many parents will have seen that the yellow zigzags outside the school have been renewed. Please respect these road signs by not parking outside the school putting other children at risk. This week our Junior Road Safety Officers will present to me the winning entry for the 'Be Safe, Be Seen' competition. I look forward to sharing with parents the details and the winning published poster with you all. Remember - Parking away from the zigzags allows all children to be seen.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Cold Weather

Now that the weather has turned considerably colder can you please ensure that children come to school with a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. On wet days if your child wears their boots to school they **must** bring their school shoes to change in to.

House Points - week ending 18/11/16

St Augustine	403	St Nicholas	393
St George	376	St Peter	377

Dates for your diary

Fri 25th Nov

Year 3 Skiing
 Bring a Gift – Non Uniform Day

Wed 30th Nov

2pm Year 5 parents Kingswood meeting

Fri 2nd Dec

PTFA Christmas Fayre
 3pm onwards

Mon 5th Dec

1:45pm KS1 Nativity

Tues 6th Dec

9.30am KS1 Nativity2
 1.45pm St Nicholas Day Assembly at Church

Wed 7th Dec

Pantomime Performances

Fri 9th Dec

PTFA Christmas Disco
 KS1 5pm - 6pm
 KS2 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Mon 12th Dec

Giving Tree Assembly

Tues 13th Dec

KS1 Christmas Parties

Wed 14th Dec

School Christmas Dinner Day

Thurs 15th Dec

KS2 Christmas Parties

Fri 16th Dec

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day

9.30am KS2 End of Term Carol Service

END OF TERM

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Busters Book Club

In KS1, Badgers had the highest number of readers &
In KS2, Chestnuts had the highest number of readers.



Collective Worship

This weeks collective worship focus is:
PILGRIMAGE
He lifted me out of the pit of despair... He set my feet on solid ground & steadied me as I walked...
Psalms 40:2

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.

Please remember that our doors open at 8.35 and the school day starts at 8.45 – being in school on time ensures that your child is ready to start the day the right way.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.7%.

Class attendance rates last week			
Hedgehogs	98.2%	Kites	95.4%
Squirrels	95.9%	Chestnut	94.3%
Badgers	96.9%	Birch	97.1%
Otters	94.4%	Maple	96.8%
Owls	97.8%	Willow	94.2%
Eagles	94.8%	Rowan	94.9%
Kestrels	95.7%	Beech	95.9%

The Class with the best punctuality was Hedgehogs with 1 Late.

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.

Star Awards



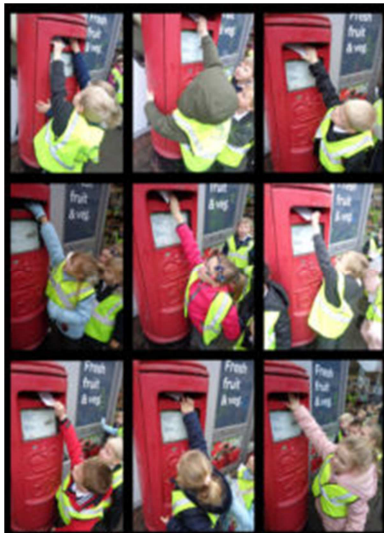
Star of the week awards went to: Badgers: Keelie M, **Eagles:** Sophie L, **Kestrels:** Jessica C, **Birch:** Ronnie G, **Willow:** Matilda G, **Rowan:** Joshua F



Work to be proud of awards went to: Otters: Aiden M, **Owls:** Henry E, **Kites:** Max C, **Chestnut:** Joshua R, **Maple:** Olivia R, **Beech:** Zara P

At St Nicholas last week...

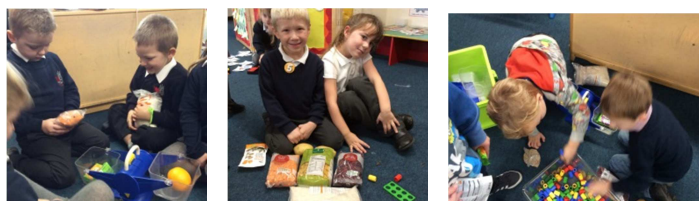
Last week the Year 1 classes bought stamps and visited the post box to post their letters. Here are some examples of the children's writing –



On Tuesday morning Badgers Class left at 9:40am, then we got ready to go to the red post box. We had eight slow adults and one fast adult. Written by Keelie

On Tuesday morning at 9:30am it was very bright. We went to the post box to put our letters in the post box. The post box was near SPAR. When we got back we did some guided reading. Written by Jaiden

Last week Year R were measuring and weighing in their maths learning to try and fix some shelves – Miss Simmonds said the children showed some great sharing and working cooperatively skills.



Messy Church *Important Notice* – Please be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances there will be **no Messy Church on Friday 25th November**

Anti-Bullying week

Wow what a week!

Thank you to all the children and staff for embracing Anti-Bullying week 2016. Throughout the school we focused on how young people and adults could use their 'Power of Good' to stop bullying and create the best world possible for us to live in. The school was buzzing with activity, kicking off on Monday with St Nicholas wearing blue to school. On Tuesday Years 3 to 6 watched a fantastic performance by 'The Actors' Company' titled "Bullied". The older children then had an opportunity to meet the actors and take part in some brilliant workshop activities. KS1 produced a range of work from informative posters to 'sorry' letters. Year 6 also spent the week creating a storybook about bullying for the younger years in the school. I know Year 6 are very excited about sharing their work later on this term. Last week also saw the launch of our Playground Buddies. More about them and the exciting role they play in our school next week. Can I say a huge thank you to everyone for their support.

We are well into this half-term's work on developing children's social, emotional and behavioural skills. This term the focus is 'Getting on and falling out'. We will be helping the children to learn about and understand friendship and the best ways of learning together.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of bullying such as cyberbullying or issues with friendship, please get in touch with either myself, Hannah Franks (email: hfranks@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk) or Lisa Baker our school FLO.

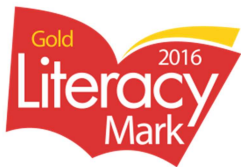
Hannah Franks – PSHE & E-Safety Leader

Follow us on Twitter



Our school is connected! We currently have over 190 followers. Please follow us on Twitter as we use this social media tool as a school to share, connect, and collaborate with the world around us. This school year we will use our school Twitter account to share snippets of our work, learning, and life at school.

Our goal will be to tweet at least once a week. Pupil safety is of utmost concern. Last names will never be included in tweets. Images of pupils may be included. Responsible use of social media and Internet safety will be explicitly taught in our classroom to ensure all pupils know how to stay safe while online.



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