



Monday 16th January 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Thursday 2nd February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm** we will be holding a *Curriculum Fayre* - an opportunity for parents to find out more about the curriculum at St Nicholas and the way in which your child is taught.

The Curriculum Fayre will focus on the way in which reading, writing, maths and phonics is taught across the school. The evening will be set up so that parents can attend workshops focused on the key stage and year group of their child. For those with children in both key stages workshops will be re-run during the evening.

To encourage as many families as possible to join us on this evening we will be holding a raffle for parents to win a Day Pass for a family of four to Legoland (the prize will only be available out of term time). But to be eligible a parent must attend the Curriculum Fayre evening! Further details on this will be sent out very soon - we hope to see you there.

In the meantime we are able to offer other free family learning opportunities such as the maths course 'Keeping up with the Children' (see below). Please do take the opportunity to join us for a more in-depth approach towards how your child learns at school.

I have also been pleased with the feedback on Mathletics from both parents and pupils over the course of the past week. It is pleasing to hear that so many families are enjoying this learning activity at home.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

'Keeping up with the children – Maths' - Reminder

Would you like to know more about how your children learn maths and help them practise their maths skills?

- Learn more about how your children learn maths in school
- Make games and practical activities and discover new ways to support your children at home
- Understand the language of maths that your child learns at school and use new vocabulary
- Have fun, meet other parents/carers and share ideas

If so this course is for you!

It will be held at school each **Wednesday starting 22nd February until Wednesday 29th March from 9.00am to 11.00am**. Refreshments provided.

To book call/ text Lisa, our FLO on 07530113107 or leave a message at the school office. We would love to see as many of you as possible for this valuable training for parents.

Dates for your diary

Mon 16th Jan

Kent School Games
Basketball 4pm – 6pm

Thurs 19th Jan

Yr 2 Rugby Tots –
Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school

Fri 20th Jan

Yr R, 1 & 2 Fun
Factory all day

Tues 31st Jan

NSPCC Assembly
visits to KS1 & 2 pupils

Thur 2nd Feb

Curriculum Fayre
6pm – 7.30pm

Week beginning 6th Feb - E-Safety Week

Tues 7th Feb

Safer Internet Day

TERM DATES 2017

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**

**Tues 18th April 2017
Mon 1st May**

**Bank Holiday Monday –
school closed**

Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

There will be no Stepping Stones on Wednesday 18th January, but it will restart on Wednesday 25th January as normal.

Asthma Inhalers

We still have a large number of pupils who have not returned their asthma pumps after the Christmas holiday. If you have not already done so please can this be done as a matter of urgency.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

School attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for St Nicholas Academy.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96.2%.

Class attendance rates last week were:			
Hedgehogs	99.4%	Kites	97.2%
Squirrels	94.1%	Chestnut	98.1%
Badgers	98.3%	Birch	99.6%
Otters	98.3%	Maple	97.2%
Owls	97.5%	Willow	98.8%
Eagles	93.5%	Rowan	87.9%
Kestrels	99.2%	Beech	99.6%

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

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

Spelling Expectations

This evening as well as having a copy via Parent Mail, each child will also be bringing home a paper copy of the expectations for spelling within each year group. The list includes words that children should be able to both read and spell. Please do take the time to review the letter sent home and to make time to support your child at home with learning the high frequency words for their age group.

At school we review the childrens knowledge of their spellings and spelling rules through the daily application of clued spelling. If you would like to help your child with their clued spelling, please ask your child's teacher to inform you which set they are working on and you can help them at home too.

Star Awards –



Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: Freddie S, **Badgers:** Dolly D, **Eagles:** Indiana D, **Kestrels:** George G, **Chestnuts:** Frankie S, **Willow:** Lauren C, **Rowan:** Alanna K

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Jasmine C, **Otters:** Cadence C, **Owls:** Ryan P, **Kites:** Peggy B & Bronwyn M, **Maple:** Isabelle K



This weeks collective worship focus is:

REFLECTION

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

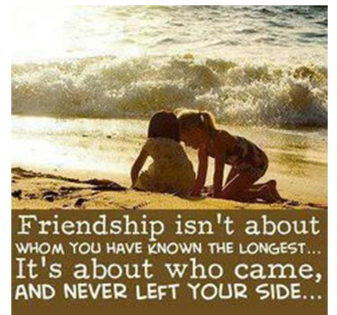
Matthew 7:7

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.

Our Current Value is, **FRIENDSHIP**



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