



Tuesday 3rd January 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the spring term. Thank you to everyone for your Christmas cards and kind wishes and gifts at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated.

This term we will be focussing on how parents can support us at school to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. As the term moves along we will be asking parents to join us for different curriculum information sessions which we will be putting on through the term. These are aimed at being able to support your child at home as well as having a better understanding of how things are taught at school. We will be holding sessions on:

- Maths – calculation and reasoning
- Reading – support and strategies for children who struggle
- Phonics
- Writing

This term as a school we will be focusing on the development of writing across the school using the Talk for Writing approach to develop our children into thoughtful and creative writers.

What is Talk for Writing?

Talk for Writing is an innovative approach to teaching writing developed by the literacy specialist and writer Pie Corbett (www.talk4writing.co.uk). It uses high quality model texts, such as the ones we use in Power of Reading, to introduce the children to different story/text types which they then learn off by heart and scrutinise with a writer's critical eye.

They learn the underlying structures and the process of planning using story maps. They also learn about the key strategies for creating interesting characters and settings and how to use a range of sentence types to create different effects including suspense or adventure.

Over the coming weeks we will be providing parents with handouts on how we teach different aspects of the curriculum so parents are aware of what is being taught at school. Please watch out for the parent information sessions taking place this term. I look forward to seeing many of you there. There will also be an exciting prize for families who attend!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2017.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Wed 4th Jan**
Yr 4 Ancient Egyptian Day
- Wed 11th Jan**
Yr 5 Bikeability – all bikes to be in school
- Fri 16th Jan**
KSG Mini Basketball
4pm – 6pm
- Wed 18th Jan**
KSG Handball Qualifier
4pm – 6pm
- Fri 20th Jan**
Yr R, 1 & 2 Fun Factory all day – details to follow
- Tues 31st Jan**
NSPCC Assembly visits to KS1 & 2 pupils
- Week beginning the 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 2017
Bank Holiday Monday

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Dear Parents,

Please find a reminder of our procedure for attendance as taken from the parent hand book.

Academy hours are from 8:45am to 3:00pm. Members of staff are on duty in their classrooms from 8:35 where children go straight in when they arrive at school between 08:35 and 8:45. Any child arriving after 8:45 will only be able to access the school via the school office where they will be entered in the 'late book'. The Headteacher will wish to discuss repeated incidences of lateness with parents and late letters issued; this could lead to the issue of penalty notices. Further clarification can be found in the Pupil Leave of Absence Policy on the website.

Any changes in the arrangements for picking children up at the end of the school day must be communicated to school in advance and in writing (except in the case of emergencies).

If a child is going to be away from the school for any reason a message should be left on the dedicated answer telephone line (01797 363118) or via ParentMail on the first day of absence. Any absences that are not adequately explained will be recorded as unauthorised. Repeated incidences of unauthorised absences will be referred to the School Liaison Officer and may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

If your child is absent for a prolonged period (5 days or more), medical evidence will be requested, and a penalty notice may still be issued by the Local Authority. It is the Parents' responsibility to provide evidence to the contrary to the Local Authority.

Head teachers are no longer able to authorise holidays for pupils during term time. If you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday then you are requested to put this in writing. All holidays of 5 days or more will lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Below are a list of the years 100% attenders so far – well done to all these pupils



This weeks collective worship focus is:

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"...they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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.

Year R					
Lily-Mae B	Jessica H	Poppy J	Ella J	Amber M	Samuel R
Millie-Grace S-R	Harry C	Lucy H	Lilly M	Ava A	
Year 1					
Megan F	Elise B	Keira H	Carmela Q	Aiden R	Leila T
Evalyn J-W	Danny D	Leon J	Aiden M	Logan O	Louie S
Year 2					
Boglar B-G	Katy L	Maya M	George R	Emily O	Lenny P
Lola B	Sydney C	Indiana D	Oliver M-G		
Year 3					
Jessica C	Kai H	Maddison R	Courtney W	Morgan B	George C
Joel J	Joshua L	Cassie T			
Year 4					
Kai A	Alesha B	Harry D	Megan W	Lilly-Mae S	Mia S
Sophie T	Lily A	Rebecca C	Jessica H	Ruby J	Hayden K
Ryan L-E	Katherine R				
Year 5					
Max C	Harry L	Shanelle M	Ellie S	Alfie U	Nicole H
Jake M	Nicki H-S	Harvey S-R			
Year 6					
Joshua F	Emily H	Molly L-E	Kai P	Caleb P	Riley A
Casper G	Nathan H	Samuel L	Keeya P	Zara P	Skye R

School Dinner payments

All school dinner money must be paid on the Monday of that week. This can be either placing the money or a cheque in an envelope with your child's name and class and putting it in the silver 'Dinner Money' box by the office. Cheques need to be made payable to 'Nourish'.

Parents can also pay for their children's school dinners online! No more looking for cash each week, just go to our school meals provider's website www.nourishcontractcatering.co.uk, click on 'Online Payment' and sign your child up today.

Complete your order by Sunday evening for the coming week's meals. You can pay for a week at a time, monthly, or termly it's up to you.



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