

Monday 20th February 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back.

I hope the children are all well rested after the half-term break!

This term is already looking as though it will be a very busy term. The dates for the diary are already showing how much is going on at school over the next two weeks. Of the activities listed many are PE related activities. Quite often I am asked by parents 'Why do children need a quality programme of Physical Education?' For me, PE has the following benefits -

- Children learn to understand the importance of exercising for a lifetime.
- Regular physical activity is the best antidote to eliminate obesity and maintain an acceptable body weight. It also provides a positive alternative to watching television or playing on tablets, computers or mobile phones.
- Children learn the fundamental motor skills that enable them to develop the competence that creates confidence and leads to safe and successful participation in a wide range of sports.
- Children are encouraged to improve their fitness levels during PE lessons, including muscular and cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility.
- Youngsters can learn valuable lessons about accepting responsibility for their personal development leading to greater self-discipline.
- PE promotes opportunities for children to be creative, cooperative and competitive and to face up to different challenges both as individuals and in groups.

However, if we want our children to achieve all these skills we MUST send them to school properly equipped to take part in PE. All staff have been asked to make sure parents are aware which days their child is taking part in Swimming, PE or any other physical activity. All children are expected to take part in every PE lesson. If there is a health-related reason that prevents a child from taking part in physical exercise, the child's class teacher will need a written note from the parent or carer explaining the circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Mon 20th Feb

Kent School Games
Rugby Tournament at
Folkestone RFC

Wed 22nd Feb

Keeping up with the
Kids – Parent sessions
See details overleaf

Thurs 23rd Feb

Year 1 Rugby Tots
then every Thursday
Please remember PE Kit

Year 6 Sailing starts
postponed due to bad
weather forecast

Tues 28th Feb

FLO's Pancake Day
Breakfast from 8.30am

Road Safety sessions
- Whole school

Year 5 Hockey
Please remember PE Kit

NSPCC 'Thank you'
Assembly

Wed 1st March

Secondary Schools
Offer Day

Thurs 2nd March

KS1 Healthy Kids Day
– Shepway Sports
Details to follow

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 4
Mon 20th Feb – Fri
31st March

INSET DAY

Tues 18th April 2017
School Closed to
Children

House Points - week ending 10/2/17

Last terms winners

St Augustine	2068	St Nicholas	1918
St George	2118	St Peter	1997

Last term the race for non-uniform day was closely fought between St George and St Augustine with only 50 points separating them. The House Points winners are **St George** with their non-uniform day on **Friday 24th February**.

Buster's Book Club

Before half term we were looking for the highest number of **additional minutes** read.

Badgers were winners in KS1 with 83% of children meeting or exceeding the reading target & **Chestnut** are winners in KS2 with 89%.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

Next week we will publish the minutes read by each class.



This week's collective worship focus is:
FORGIVENESS

'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive others'
Colossians 3 v13

Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

Every Wednesday for Pre-school Children, Parents & Carers.

1.45pm – 2.45pm, 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.



From **Thursday 9th March to Wednesday 15th March 2017** the school will be taking part in the Ten Million Minutes Reading Challenge. For the last two years the school has taken part in the Shepway Schools Reading Challenge and came top two years on the trot! Now we are setting our sights higher and taking part in a national challenge. The prize - the winning school could receive a brand-new library worth £10,000 or a chance for OVER 25 runner-up prizes!

All parents have to do to help us is encourage your children to read for as many minutes as they can during the one week challenge.

The school will record the minutes read on the Ten Million Minutes Website and race against other schools to get to the top of the leaderboard.

Our Current Value is, FRIENDSHIP



Friendship isn't about WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN THE LONGEST... It's about who came, AND NEVER LEFT YOUR SIDE...

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – Active Kids 2017

Hopefully over the half term you have been collecting your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers? If so, please remember to pop them into the collection box at the school reception.



Sainsbury's

Active Kids 2017

Eat well • Move well • Live well

Let's provide the children of St Nicholas with some fantastic new sports and cooking equipment!

Star Awards – Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: Maisy R,

Badgers: Aiden R, Eagles: Caleb A, Kestrels: Kyra D, Birch: Isobel C, Willow: Jackson R

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Freddie-John C-W,

Otters: Brylie H, Owls: Oliver M-G, Kites: Brody R,

Chestnut: Lauren A, Maple: Luca M





Messy Church – Friday 24th February 2017

At St Nicholas Church, New Romney 3.15 – 4.30pm. The last FRIDAY of every month. For all ages and families welcome (children must be accompanied) free food, crafts and fun to share.

‘Keeping up with the children – Maths’

It’s not too late to sign up!!!!

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 Starting at 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.

E-SAFETY at St Nicholas.

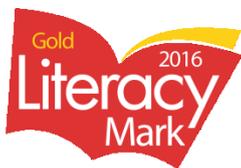
Thank you to the two parents who attended our E-Safety session before the half term.



The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in several different ways on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing and being able to keep up to date with your children’s use of technology can be a challenge. We will be placing an E-safety page on the school’s website soon, along with the recent presentation to help keep parents informed about how to keep your child safe online.

At St Nicholas we follow an E-Safety scheme of work that encompasses online activities, role play and activities each half term. Each unit focuses on a topic that is relevant to a specific year group and enables pupils to become more aware of their digital footprint and how to deal with a range of online issues.

This term we will be launching a regular e-safety newsletter to keep parents better informed about the online world and any issues that may impact on their children.



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