

Monday 27th February 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have Karen Crowhurst from KCC Highways Team working with the children in KS1 and Year 5 and 6 on the importance of road safety. Key Stage One pupils will have workshops on 'Teddy takes a Tumble' while Year 5 & 6 will focus on 'Ditching the distractions' and finding out more about the dangers of mobile phones and the use of ear phones in pedestrian safety. It would be good if parents were to talk about the themes of this training and reinforce these important messages at home.

Key Stage One pupils will be working with the Shepway Sports team this week when they take part in the Healthy Kids Day. Please make sure the children have their PE kit in school. Pupils will be learning about exercise linked to healthy eating. There will be a range of activities for the children to take part in and we hope they have a fun time. Apart from this Year 5 will be taking part in the Kent School Games Hockey tournament and Year 6 will start their sailing. Lots of good sporting opportunities for our children.

Year 6 parents should learn of their choices for secondary school this week if you have anything you wish to discuss regarding the school your child has been allocated, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to assist you with any query you may have.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Reading Challenge

From **Thursday 9th March to Wednesday 15th March 2017** the school will be taking part in the Ten Million Minutes Reading Challenge.

We have set our sights high; by taking part in this national challenge we are aiming for the top prize. 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 leader board.



Dates for your diary

Tues 28th Feb

FLO's Pancake Breakfast 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

Year 2 Circus Skills Workshop

Thurs 2nd March

KS1 Healthy Kids Day - Shepway Sports

All KS1 children will need to remember their PE Kit

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 4

Mon 20th Feb - Fri 31st March

INSET DAY

Tues 18th April 2017
School Closed to Children

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR NSPCC SPONSOR FORMS BY TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY - THANK YOU

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

House Points - week ending 24/2/17

Last week's winners.

St Augustine	402	St Nicholas	364
St George	367	St Peter	328

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. Badgers class are the best in all areas by far. The rest of KS1 must try to read more. Badgers need some competition!



Winners in KS2 are **KESTRELS** with 75% of the children meeting or exceeding their targets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

The chart below shows the number of additional minutes read for each class last week:

Hedgehogs	45	Kites	211
Squirrels	65	Chestnut	170
Badgers	160	Birch	535
Otters	298	Maple	851
Owls	227	Willow	335
Eagles	260	Rowan	665
Kestrels	287	Beech	1519

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 95.5%.

Class attendance rates last week were:			
Hedgehogs	99.5%	Kites	97.1%
Squirrels	94.7%	Chestnut	98.1%
Badgers	96.3%	Birch	93.1%
Otters	98.8%	Maple	99.2%
Owls	97.0%	Willow	98.3%
Eagles	91.7%	Rowan	100%
Kestrels	91.9%	Beech	90.4%

Well done to Rowan class for achieving 100% attendance!

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.

Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to: Squirrels: Tom W,

Otters: Riley O, Owls: Aimee B-C, Kites: Morgan B,

Chestnuts: Erin H, Maple: Samantha B, Beech: Sophie M,

Rowan: Jack N

Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: George G, Badgers: Joseph W, Eagles: Sydney C, Kestrels: Jessica C, Birch: Harry S, Willow: Florence N, Charlotte R, Harry A, Nicole H & Alfie E

Nicholas Bear was won by WILLOW 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.

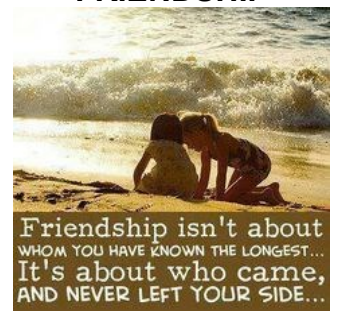
1.45pm – 2.45pm, for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

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.

Our Current Value is,
FRIENDSHIP



Last week at St Nicholas...

Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Shepway Sports Tag Rugby Festival. No winning teams for the tournament, as it was an opportunity for children to learn to play the game with over twenty other schools from across Shepway present.

All the children had a great time, with two St Nicholas children being chosen for the Ruckley Rugby award demonstrating the values of **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline & Sportsmanship.**



SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – Active Kids 2017

Please remember to drop your vouchers into the collection box at the school reception. Thank you.



World book day – A number of parents have been asking if the school is taking part in this event. We will not be taking part in Book day at this time of the year but in the summer term we will be holding a Book Week Event. We are currently working to have a well known British author join us for our Book Week event.



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