

Monday 6th March 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week will see the start of the Ten Million Minutes Reading Challenge. The challenge takes place over a week starting on Thursday 9th March to Wednesday 15th March 2017. All we are asking of parents is to encourage your child to read for as many minutes as they can. The challenge is a brilliant way to get children reading and could win the school one of 25+ great prizes.

We are excited to have the **Google** Expeditions Pioneer Programme team at St Nicholas. Google Expeditions is a new product that allows teachers to take their classes on virtual field trips, immersing pupils in experiences that bring abstract concepts to life and giving them a deeper understanding of the world beyond the classroom. All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part. They will be able to visit places such as the Great Barrier Reef, the surface of Mars or even peer into a volcano. This is a great opportunity for our children to be inspired by a virtual reality experience. My thanks to Miss Franks in securing this exciting visit.

As you will see below, the school raised £2773.16 for the NSPCC in the Speak Out Stay Safe Challenge. This completely surpassed all expectations and I would like to thank everyone very much for taking part in this fund raising.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

NSPCC “Speak Out and Stay Safe” campaign

A huge thank you to all our Children and parents in supporting the work of the NSPCC with your sponsorship in this vital area of work in supporting children and schools.

The St Nicholas community raise an enormous £2773.16

The money raised will ensure all primary aged school children learn important safeguarding information in a lively and fun imaginative way, where hopefully they will feel empowered to Speak out and Stay Safe.



Dates for your diary

Wed 8th March

Google visiting with their Expedition programme.

Thurs 9th March

10 Million Minutes reading challenge starts
Year 6 Sailing

Week beginning 13th March

– Science week, all week.

Tues 14th March

Year 1 & 2 Football
Year 6 Cricket - Need PE Kit in school

Wed 15th March

Pop Lacrosse 3.30 – 5:30pm

Thurs 16th March

Badgers visiting Pizza Express – be at school for 8.30am
Year 5 BoxFit 1.20pm onwards – Need PE Kit in school

Tues 21st March

Class Photos – Children in Full School uniform please.

Thurs 23rd March

Otters visiting Pizza Express – be at school for 8.30am

Fri 24th March

– PTFA Bring a Chocolate Gift Day

TERM DATES

TERM 4

Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st March

INSET DAY

Tues 18th April 2017
School Closed to Children

House Points - week ending 3/3/17

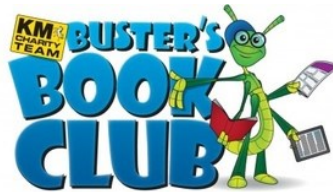
Last week's winners.

St Augustine	371	St Nicholas	359
St George	413	St Peter	375

Buster's Book Club

With only one month left this term, it's time to get the children really battling it out for Buster's Book Club awards and vouchers!!

- The final challenge day for schools is on 15th March- with **DOUBLE** vouchers to be won



If parents are not quite up and running yet...now would be a fantastic time to get going for this challenge!

Most improved were -

Hedgehogs were winners in KS1 with 62%

Winners in KS2 are **Birch** with 78%

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

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 (3/3/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	97.7%	Kites	95.4%
Squirrels	91.6%	Chestnut	92.7%
Badgers	96.4%	Birch	100%
Otters	95%	Maple	98.4%
Owls	94.8%	Willow	96%
Eagles	93.5%	Rowan	94.2%
Kestrels	96.2%	Beech	93.3%

Well done to **BIRCH** 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: Hedgehogs: Samuel R,

Eagles: Rudy Y, Kestrels: Mia T, Birch: Demi S, Willow: Keira H, Beech: Nancy F, Rowan: Jack N



Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Lily P, Otters: Hollie D, Owls: Joshua P, Kites: Bronwyn M,

Chestnuts: Ruby J, Maple: Jessica-Mae L.



SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – Active Kids 2017

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

Thank you.



Sainsbury's

Active Kids 2017

Eat well • Move well • Live well



This term's collective worship focus is:
FORGIVENESS

'If you **forgive** others the wrongs they have done you, your Father in heaven will also **forgive** you'

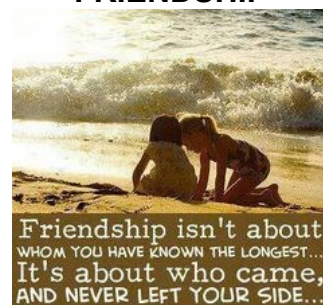
Matthew 6.14

Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

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

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

Our Current Value is,
FRIENDSHIP



Last week at St Nicholas...

Year 6 sailing at the Rye Water sports centre with trainers Steve and George. This was the first time out for many of the children and the conditions were fantastic with all the children having a great time.



As part of their 'Shake It' topic, children in year 4 have looked at milk from its origins to how it changes state to make products such as cheese, yoghurts etc. The children could witness this changing state first hand by creating firstly whipped cream and then butter from milk.



Also in year 4 children discussed the reasons why Christians eat pancakes on Shrove (Shrive) Tuesday and thought about the behaviours they would like to keep and those they would like to toss away during Lent!



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