

Monday 5th June 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a restful half-term and feel relaxed and ready for the last term of the year. I can't believe how quickly it has gone.

Term 6 is always busy and can be quite exhausting due to end of year reports, assessments, sports days, trips, open evening etc. The prospect of the holiday at the end always helps.

This evening parents should receive a calendar of events that are taking place across the term. The list is not exhaustive and there are still some further dates to be added but we hope you will find it useful.

There are many events taking place across the term and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the forthcoming events:

- Parent teacher consultations – see diary dates.
- Book week – week beginning 19th June – details to follow.
- Sports Day & Family Picnic – Tuesday 27th June
- PTFA Summer Fayre – Friday 30th June

Our goal this term is to ensure that every pupil attends school regularly. This week you will receive your child's attendance certificate outlining their attendance over the course of the last 5 terms.

Finally, I must inform parents that fidget spinners are now banned. This is due to them being lost or stolen and the time it takes to deal with these issues detracts from learning time.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

RACE FOR LIFE – Friday 9th June 2017



This year The Marsh Academy are holding their own 'Race for Life' fundraiser.

Following on from the success of last year's event they want to make this event bigger and even more successful. This year they have invited all the Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils from all the local Primary Schools to come and take part. Last year The Marsh Academy raised £4,314.56. This year, with your help they are aiming to raise £10,000!

All the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be bringing home sponsor forms this evening to raise money for this valuable cause. Please help us to help the Marsh Academy reach their goal.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If anyone whose child is not taking part please feel free to make a donation at the school office. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

June 2017

Mon 5th
New Intake 'Stay & Play'
Session 1.45pm.
Year 3 Boxing
Year 6 Trip meeting
3.30pm

Wed 7th
New Intake 'Stay & Play'
session 1.45pm.
Year 4 - group 4
swimming starts

Thurs 8th
Year 6 Trip to London
Eye & Theatre
Year 4 Stand Up Paddle
Boarding
**Year 1 Parent Teacher
Consultations** 3.30pm
to 7.30pm

Fri 9th
Marsh Academy 3k
Race for Life sponsored
event for Yr 4, 5 & 6 at
1pm

Mon 12th
Year 1 PHONICS
SCREENING all week
New Intake 'Stay & Play'
Session 1.45pm.
Year 3 Boxing — week 2

Tues 13th
**Year 4 & 5 Parent
Teacher Consultations**
4.30pm — 7.30pm

Wed 14th
New Intake 'Stay & Play'
Session 1.45pm.

Thurs 15th
Year 4 Stand Up Paddle
Boarding
**Year 4 & 5 Parent
Teacher Consultations**
3.30pm — 6.00pm

Fri 16th
Maidstone Museum
visiting Year 1 & Year 5

Mon 19th
BOOK WEEK - Book
Character Dress up day
Year 5 BIKABILITY
New Intake 'Stay & Play'
Session 1.45pm.

House Points - week ending 26/5/17

Last term's winners were...

St Augustine	1674	St Nicholas	1517
St George	1494	St Peter	1529

On **Friday 9th June St Augustine's House** will have their non-uniform day to celebrate being last terms house point winners.

Busters Book Club

I hope that you managed to keep up your reading over the holiday and are earning the raffle ticket for your chance to win the Amazon Kindle.



Over the holiday we were pleased to learn that **Badgers Class** has won the 1st Summer Challenge Day for Shepway district in the Buster's Book Club Award held on Wednesday 24th May – very well done to them.

We will continue to encourage as much reading as possible over the summer term – please do help us with this.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a pupil's academic success starting in Reception and continuing through to senior school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure pupils get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when pupils miss too much school - regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent - which means missing 10 or more days over the course of an entire school year.

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling holidays or medical appointments during the school day.
- Talk to teachers or the FLO for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbour, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's teacher.



This term's collective worship focus is:

RESPECT

“So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”

Matthew 7:12

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, **RESPECT**

“**Treat others the way you wish to be treated.**”

ACCEPT everyone's worth.

CONSIDERATE in honouring others' rights and feelings.

APPRECIATIVE by valuing the guidance & support of others.



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