

Monday 10th July 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we will again be taking part in the Shepway Summer Reading Challenge. This takes place every year during the summer holidays and St Nicholas has been the Shepway Schools winners two years in a row and we would like you to help us make it a third!

The aim of the challenge is to read 6 books and visit the library regularly over the summer holidays, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way. The children will tell you all about it!

You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! The challenge starts next weekend on Saturday 15th July.

Our local library staff will be telling the children how to take part in the Animal Agent, Summer Reading Challenge.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.

Once again, we have a great range of prizes for those children who complete the challenge and read six library books over the holidays.

- We have two lots of tobogganing for 6 children at Folkestone Ski centre
- Two family swim vouchers at Folkestone sports centre
- Family membership to pottery painting experience Amazing Glaze in Hythe
- Tickets to Imagine in Ashford
- Book vouchers for each class
- A two-day Royal Yachting Association windsurfing or sailing course at Rye Water sports.

Plenty of great reasons to make sure you take part this holiday.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

JULY

Mon 10th

JAM Festival performance for Year 5 parents at Marsh Academy 2pm
Year 3 Boxing - week 6

Tues 11th

Through afternoon Meet the New Teacher for Parents 6:30pm or Year R at 6pm

Thurs 13th

Year R, 2, 3 & 6 reports & Y1 Phonic results out to parents

Fri 14th

SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Kent Challenger Games

Tues 18th

Year 4 Trip to Dungeness Power Station Visitor Centre

Thurs 20th

Year 3 trip to Rare Breeds Centre

Fri 21st

Year 6 Leavers service

End of Year

REMINDERS

Friday 14th July
School Closed to Children

Children return to school on
Wednesday 6th September 2017

House Points - week ending 7/7/17

Last week's winners.

St Augustine	886	St Nicholas	727
St George	718	St Peter	691

Busters Book Club

With only one week left this term, it's time to get the children really battling it out for The Kindle Reading Challenge Award – remember there are 4 Kindles to be given away with a year's subscription to Fire for Kids! Collect your final raffle tickets.



Last week we were looking for the highest percentage of Readers in each class.

In KS1 **Badgers** were winners with **72%** of the class as readers this week

While in KS2 **Kestrels** for the third week in a row were winners with **85%** Kestrels have improved so much over this term – well done.

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 **95.4%**.

Class attendance rates last week (7/7/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	95.2%	Kites	96.1%
Squirrels	94.5%	Chestnut	97%
Badgers	94.8%	Birch	99.2%
Otters	92.2%	Maple	95.8%
Owls	95.2%	Willow	94%
Eagles	95.9%	Rowan	92%
Kestrels	96%	Beech	96.3%

The Class with the best punctuality was Kestrels with no Lates.

Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.

Transition Event – Tuesday 11th July

All the children from Year R to Year 5 will have their transition afternoon on Tuesday. This will be an opportunity to meet the Teacher and or Teaching Assistant who will be teaching them next year.

On Tuesday evening from 6.30pm onwards for Years 1 to 5 there will be an opportunity to visit the class and meet the Teacher and possibly the TA who will be working with your child next year. We do hope you will be able to attend this event.

Parents of children starting in Year R will have their parent meeting on Tuesday with a 6pm start.

Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to:

Hedgehogs: George G, **Badgers:** Harry G, **Owls:** Devan W, **Kites:** Lexxi V, **Willow:** Logan S, **Rowan:** Mae B.

Work to be proud of awards went to:

Squirrels: Lilly M, **Otters:** Riley O, **Eagle:** Whole Class award, **Kestrel:** Sharna J, **Birch:** Lilly-Mae S, **Maple:** Jessica M-L



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.



Chess Club

We have been asked to inform parents that Folkestone Junior Chess Club are offering free chess classes from Sat 29th July - 2nd Sept. For more info please contact mcussens@gmail.com
Also Chaos Cards will be holding a Chess Tournament on Wednesday 2nd August, please contact via email address above for more info.

Chickenpox

We have had reports of several cases of chickenpox throughout the school. If your child develops chickenpox they need to be kept away from school until the blisters have scabbed over. You must inform the school on the first day of absence either via telephone or ParentMail.



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Last week at St Nicholas...

Year Two visited Samphire Hoe. They found all sorts of different minibeasts.



Year 1 put on a Teddy Bears Picnic for Year R. They baked the bread and made the sandwiches and wrote the invitations.

