



Monday 17th July 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

One week to go! We had a wonderful week at St Nicholas last week. Earlier in the week the children had the opportunity to meet their class teacher for the new academic year; new staff also met with some parents about next year. Unfortunately Year 4 teacher Mrs Whitehead was not available to meet parents as she is still travelling back from the UAE. Please look out for opportunities for parents to meet the teachers more formally in the first two weeks of September.

Year 6 will be giving their own version of Robin Hood to parents. The first incredible performance took place today - the children acted and sang beautifully and the behind the scenes management was second to none! I hope all the parents and carers who come to watch enjoy the performance as much as the children did today.

I would also like to add my thanks to everyone from the school who took part or who contributed to The Marsh Academy Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research UK the total raised was an enormous £7096.99. St Nicholas donations were £1807.60 of the total. Well done to everyone!

This time of year is also the time to pass on our thanks to everyone for the support and encouragement we have received as a school this year. I for one would like to thank all who come into school week on week to support the children and teachers, not forgetting the valuable support we receive from, PTFA members, reading volunteers and parents who help out on trips. Without your help we would not achieve as much as we do. Thank you.

I do hope as many children as possible continue to take part in the Shepway Summer Reading Challenge – there are some fantastic prizes available on offer to children – all we ask is that children read a book a week for the 6 weeks the reading challenge is set for. Further details are on the reverse of the newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to wish all the children, parents and carers of the school a lovely restful holiday and we look forward to your safe return in the new school year in September.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

JULY

Tues 18th
Year 4 Trip to
Dungeness

Thurs 20th
St Nicholas' got Talent

Fri 21st
Year 6 Leavers
assembly at St Nicholas
Church 9.30am

Term dates 2017 – 18

Term 1

Start: **Wed 6 Sept 2017**
Finish: **Fri 20 Oct 2017**
SDD - Fri 22nd Sept 2017

Term 2

Start: **Mon 30 Oct 2017**
Finish: **Wed 20 Dec 2017**

Term 3

Start: **Mon 8 Jan 2018**
Finish: **Fri 9 Feb 2018**
SDD - Thurs 4th Jan 2018
SDD - Fri 5th Jan 2018

Term 4

Start: **Mon 19 Feb 2018**
Finish: **Thurs 29 Mar 2018**

Term 5

Start: **Mon 16 Apr 2018**
Finish: **Fri 25 May 2018**
Bank Holiday - Mon 7
May 2018

Term 6

Start: **Mon 4 June 2018**
Finish: **Tues 24 July 2018**

SDD - Staff Development
Day, School closed to
pupils.

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 (14/7/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	59.5%	Kites	92.9%
Squirrels	73.9%	Chestnut	92.6%
Badgers	90%	Birch	98.5%
Otters	84.2%	Maple	98.4%
Owls	89.7%	Willow	97%
Eagles	96.6%	Rowan	93.8%
Kestrels	93.5%	Beech	93.2%

The class with the best attendance this year in KS1 is Owls and in KS2 is Birch.

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.



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

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.



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Summer Reading Challenge

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.