



Monday 9th October 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Harvest service last week and to all those who provided Harvest gifts to share with members of the wider community. They were gratefully received.

At the end of the last academic year the governing body changed its policy regarding the payment of school meals.

The policy reminds parents that it is their responsibility to ensure their child is provided with a meal at school; either a packed lunch or school meal. Parents are responsible for ensuring that school meals are paid for in advance and the school is responsible for ensuring that money is not owed for school meals. Outstanding debts are not permitted as the school cannot pay for pupil meals.

Meals must be paid for in advance of the meal on a Monday and can be paid weekly or termly. Cash or cheques must be placed in an envelope stating the child's name, class and value enclosed and posted into the Nourish letter box by the main entrance. Alternatively Nourish welcome online payments via their website www.nourishcontractcatering.co.uk.

In writing this policy, governors wish to ensure that school meals are paid for, whilst aiding parents during financial difficulties and ensuring children still receive a meal at lunchtime.

If you believe you may qualify for free school meals please contact the following service for further guidance: www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent teacher consultations will be taking place next week for all year groups across the school.

Parents will be able to book their child's parent teacher consultation online using Parent Mail.

Years R, 1, 2 (Hare) and Y5 parent evening will take place on Wednesday 18th October 3:30pm – 8pm and
Years R, 2 (Fox), 3, 4 and 6 parent evening will take place on Thursday 19th October 3.30pm - 8pm

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the parent consultations.

Dates for your diary

Mon 9th Oct
Year 6 trip to London
Meeting for parents

Wed 11th Oct
Year 6 Trip to London
Year 5 Cross Country
at Dymchurch.

Mon 16th Oct
Year 6 Secondary
School Admissions
Meeting at 2.15pm

Tues 17th Oct
Individual School
Photos – all day.

Read, Write, Inc
presentation to
parents at 2pm for
Year R and KS1
parents

Wed 18th & 19th Oct
Parent Teacher
Consultations

Thurs 19th Oct
Year R – Year 4 Flu
Immunisations

Fri 20th Oct
End of term

Mon 30th Oct
Children return to
school

Tues 31st Oct
2.15pm PTFA AGM –
All Welcome

**Week beginning 6th
Nov**
Year 6 residential to
Kingswood

House Points - week ending 6/10/17

Last week's winners were...

St Augustine	697	St Nicholas	715
St George	814	St Peter	789

Attendance – Every Day Counts

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. The national expectation for attendance is currently 96% however at St Nicholas we aim to achieve 97%.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.9%.

Class attendance rates last week (21/9/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	91%	Beech	97.8%
Squirrels	98%	Birch	96.7%
Badgers	96.8%	Chestnut	94.2%
Otters	92%	Maple	98.1%
Hare	95.6%	Willow	97%
Fox	97.3%	Elm	95.8%
Rowan	96.2%	Oak	91.6%

The class with the best attendance this week in KS1 is Squirrels and in KS2 is Maple

The Classes with the best punctuality were Hare, Maple, Chestnut, Squirrel & Elm 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:

Hedgehog: Elliott W, **Badger:** Henry S, **Hare:** Jaiden H, **Beech:** Imogen O, **Rowan:** Oliver M-G, **Chestnut:** Chloe H, **Maple:** Erin H, **Oak:** Shanelle M.

Nicholas Bear was awarded to ELM CLASS!

Advance notice for Year R and KS1 parents

A Phonics meeting for parents of children in Year R & KS1 will be held on **Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 2.00pm** with Miss Common and Read, Write Inc facilitator, Mr Nick Locke.

We hope you will be able to attend this very important session. Please make a date in your diary.

PTFA

The Committee would like to invite any parents who wish to join the PTFA to attend the next meeting to be held on **Tuesday 31st October at 2.15pm at the school**. Refreshments will be provided. This meeting will consist of the AGM followed by the normal PTFA meeting. You are invited to attend both. This meeting will provide an opportunity for any new parents to join. The PTFA welcomes new members who may have new and refreshing fundraising ideas. It can be a daunting experience for some, but rest assured, we are really a very friendly bunch!! If you attend the meeting and would like to join the Committee you may need to obtain a full DBS check in due course.



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This term's collective worship focus is:

THANKFULNESS

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father...”

Ephesians 5:20

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.