



Monday 5th March 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a week it was last week! The snow, Book Week, the author visit to name but a few of the things that took place.

By the end of the week I think we were one of the few primary schools to remain open on the Marsh. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Nicholas who travelled in from near and far, not only to keep the school open but to make sure the children were taught and well looked after.

I don't normally single people out in events such as those last week but I do feel that Mr Andrew Leech our Caretaker deserves a special mention for being the first (and last) one in every day last week, clearing the snow and gritting the school site enabling everyone else to do their job – well done and thank you Andy!

There are lessons to be learned by the school in light of last week's events and I would like to reassure parents the school will undertake a full review of the systems we had in place.

Not all of our Book Week events went strictly according to plan and we will let you know in due course how some of these events will be rescheduled.

Finally I hope the rest of the term will allow us to return to some form of normality and work with a returned focus on our day to day job of teaching and learning.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Parent Council

The Parent Council will be meeting this evening at 6.30pm. A crèche will be available but not supervised.

The council will be discussing the following items among others;

- Update from Parents Evening Questionnaire
- Update Walking Bus
- Deputy Head Teacher news
- Feedback on new signage/blackboard
- Parent questionnaire feedback slips
- Photos and Parent Council pen portrait
- Playground update

We look forward to seeing you this evening.

House Points - week ending 2/3/18

St Augustine	178	St Nicholas	164
St George	163	St Peter	154

Dates for your diary

March 2018

Mon 5th

RE Week all week
 Parent Council 6.30pm

Tues 6th

Yr 5 Football tournament at Three Hills

Thurs 8th

Yr 6 Sailing

Yr 1 Rugby Tots – please have your PE kit

Yr 5/6 Handball club school's competition

Fri 9th

KS1 Mother's Day event 2pm – 2.45pm see invitations

Fri 16th

Autism awareness course 2.15pm to 3pm in school hall - lead by Mrs Wallis & Miss Sisk – ALL are welcome

Wed 21st

Rearranged trip for Yr 3 to Brockhill Park

Yr 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at Dymchurch

Thurs 29th

9.30am Whole school Easter Service at St Nicholas Church, parents welcome

End of Term

April 2018

Mon 16th

Children return to school

Tues 17th

Fun Factory for Yr 1 & Hare Class

Wed 18th

Hockey League starts

Tues 24th

Fun Factory Yr R & Fox Class

Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is essential that your child comes to school on time every day. Learning begins immediately with Early Morning Work when the class doors open at 8.35am, when many additional interventions are also scheduled for this time, which may include your child.

If your child is absent from school you must report their absence by 9am on the first morning. This can be done via ParentMail under Notify Absence or by telephoning our absence line on **01797 363118** and leaving a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please do not call the school's main number to report absences.

Our whole-school attendance last week was 95.3%.

Class attendance rates last week			
Hedgehog	93.9%	Rowan	97.8%
Squirrel	98.5%	Chestnut	98.9%
Badger	98.8%	Birch	98.9%
Otter	94.7%	Maple	100%
Fox	86.5%	Willow	99.5%
Hare	98.1%	Oak	96.9%
Beech	95.2%	Elm	100%

Well Done last Week to

- Maple
- Elm



This term's collective worship focus is:
JUSTICE
'And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

MICAH 6.8

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

Attendance update

Last week's weather meant that there were a large number of children off school due to the conditions – all absences for this reason were authorised and will not affect your child's attendance figures.

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: David H, **Otter:** George G, **Hare:** Leila T, **Beech:** Rudy Y,
Birch: Leo D, **Elm:** Daisy-May M



Nicholas Bear was awarded to... THE STAFF for coming in every day last week!

Other events coming up...

Friday 9th March 2pm – Key Stage 1

Calling all Mums, Nans and Grans - Mother's Day celebrations will be taking place in Key Stage 1 classrooms from 2pm to 2.45pm we do hope you can join us.

Friday 16th March – Whole School

We are holding an **autism awareness** course at 2.15pm to 3pm in the school hall. This will be led by Mrs Stephanie Wallis & Miss Amelia Sisk our new SENCo. The meeting is open to all parents and will be about understanding autism. We hope to see as many people as possible for this exciting training.

Wednesday 21st March – Year 3 Trip

The Year 3 trip to Brockhill Country Park which was postponed last week as a result of the weather has been rescheduled to Wednesday 21st March.

Snacks in School

Children may bring in to school fruit to eat at break time. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit but are welcome to bring their own should they like to.