



Friday 4th May 2018
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has been another very busy week at St Nicholas, including a Parent Council meeting which despite the weather was very well attended. Members of the Parent Council will be visiting the school on Wednesday 23rd May for a school dinner with the children where it is hoped we will be able to gain some feedback on how lunchtimes work within the school. They also had a very informative talk from Miss Sisk about the role of SENCo and initiatives being put in place by the school.

This week the school was also visited by the Church Schools Diocesan Inspection adviser. The visit focused on the school's Christian Distinctiveness, which as a Church School is an important feature of our ethos at St Nicholas. I am pleased to report that it was a very good visit and one which will prove the school is worthy of 'Good' outcomes when we are next inspected.

The Governors and I also met this week with a focus of the meeting was centred on the schools data and pupil progress. I was pleased to be able to show good evidence of progress in all year groups and of many pupils making accelerated progress across the school as a whole.

The school continues to move forward in a positive direction and if we continue to work together as parents and school we will reap the rewards for the children.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.
 Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

E-Safety Announcement regarding 'Fortnite'

Fortnite is a new online game played by many young people. The game involves 100 players fighting each other in real time to be the final survivor. Whilst the game has a number of fun features there are also risks. The NSPCC have recently raised concerns over the voice and text chat systems suggesting options in the game are leaving children open to being contacted by strangers. The NSPCC are advising parents to turn off the voice chat system in the game to ensure children avoid inappropriate contact. PEGI which considers the age suitability of games have rated this game **suitable for those aged 12 and above**. An all you need to know guide about the game published this week by the NSPCC can be accessed here: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

House Points - week ending 4/5/18

St Augustine	908	St Nicholas	895
St George	860	St Peter	709

Dates for your diary

May 2018

- Mon 7th**
Bank Holiday – school closed
- Wed 9th**
Tri-Golf for Year 4
- Mon 14th**
KS2 SATs week all week – for Year 6
- Thurs 17th**
High Five Netball
- Fri 18th**
Royal Wedding Celebration Day
- Tues 22nd**
Urban Sports Festival – Y4
- Wed 23rd**
Parent Council joining children for lunch
- Fri 25th**
Messy Church 3.30pm
Last Day of Term
- Half term: Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June**

June 2018

- Mon 4th**
Children return to school
Year 3 Boxing - every Monday for next 6 weeks.
School Cricket League starts.
- Mon 11th**
Year 1 phonics screening week
Parent Council 6.30pm
- Thurs 14th**
Sponsored Bounce Day – more info to follow
- Wed 20th**
Book Fayre Week
- Thurs 21st**
Year 4 to visit twinned school in Lille, France
- Fri 22nd**
Book Character Day

Royal Wedding Celebration Day

On Friday 18th May to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. We are inviting all children to dress up for the occasion: either in red, white and blue or for KS1 come dressed as a Prince or Princess. All children will also be joining us for our "street party" on the Junior playground.

There will be an exciting Party Meal available to pre-order from our school kitchen of:

Hot sausage in a bun with tomato sauce (optional)

Quorn sausage in a bun

Vegetable crudité

Homemade oaty biscuit and ice cream

Fresh Fruit

If you would like your child to have a school dinner on this day please fill in the slip provided on the letter sent home this week with any money and return it to the School Office. If your child usually has school dinners (either paid or free) then you will not need to fill in the slip. Children who usually have a packed lunch will be able to join the street party.

Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

Squirrel: Oscar C, **Badger:** Ava A, **Fox:** Louis S, **Rowan:** Jack A, **Chestnut:** Macie W, **Willow:** Owen S, **Elm:** Maddie P

School Dinners

Thank you to all the parents who have brought their school meals accounts up to date. This is just a reminder that school meals should be paid for in **advance** not in arrears.

Year Six Leaver Events

A letter will be sent home shortly outlining all our special Year Six events including this year's leaver's service and BBQ event!

This year's Leavers Production promises to be spectacular and we will let parents have further information about this soon as well. Mrs Longman and Mrs Lee can't wait for SATs to be over so they can start the singing and dancing with the children. The rest of the staff are also looking forward to watching the Year Six performance!

Buster's Book Club – Congratulations to OTTER Class

Below is a copy of the email from Kathy Beel – Busters Book Club Coordinator on the success of Otter class – Year One. A wonderful prize of Drusilla's vouchers!

'You are our Buster's Book Club challenge winners for Marsh Schools - very well done! I will be sending across Drusilla's vouchers for Otter class. Please pass on our congratulations to Otter class for all their hard work. The overall reading figures for Marsh schools have greatly increased this week which is real testament to how hard you have worked as a district. Well done to everyone!'

Let's keep this up; there will be another competition between Marsh Schools again soon.

Book Fayre week

Book Fayre week will take place from Wednesday 20th June to Tuesday 26th June. There will be more details to follow on this. On Friday 22nd June the school will re-run its Book Character Day which was cancelled due to the snow earlier this year.



This term's collective worship focus is:

FRIENDSHIP

I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:15