

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**



**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I do hope you all had a restful half-term holiday. The half term already seems like a distant memory with so much going on at the school during the first week back.

As many parents will have seen we have new sports markings on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds over the half term. I hope like me you are pleased with the results. There are many people in the school who have worked hard to ensure this was completed over the holiday most notably Mrs Andrews the Business Manager, Mr Leech the school caretaker and the Pupil and Parent Councils.



I am delighted to inform parents that three St Nicholas pupils have been chosen to play for the Shepway District football team. There was a deciding match on Thursday evening so fingers crossed as they wait to find out if they have been selected.

I am also pleased to learn that four Year 6 pupils (George C, Harvey S-R, Shanelle M and Ellie S) have been nominated for the Shepway Sports Trust School Games Star of the Year. Also our very own Miss Arnold has been nominated for Primary Teacher of the Year for the second year and St Nicholas has also been nominated for Primary School of the Year for our huge contribution to sporting events.

It is pleasing to see the school receive so many well deserved nominations and continue to move forward in such a positive way.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**House Points** - week ending 8/6/18

St Augustine	293	St Nicholas	226
St George	162	St Peter	183

**Dates for your diary**

**June 2018**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

Year 1 phonics screening week

Year 3 Boxing

Cricket League

Week 2 of 2

Parent Council 6.30pm

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsored Bounce Day

Y4 Paddle boarding

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

Inclusion breakfast from 8.45am

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Boxing

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**

Year 4 to Lille, France

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Book Character Day

Year R visit to Blue Reef Aquarium

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 Boxing

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**

Book Fayre Week

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**

Year 1 Trip to the Gulbenkian

**July 2018**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Year 3 Boxing

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>**

Year R Fun-day at Marsh Academy

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

**School OPEN EVENING 6 – 8pm**



## 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 Parent Mail 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 this week was **94.1%**.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	100%	Rowan	98.1%
Squirrel	97.9%	Chestnut	97.4%
Badger	87.1%	Birch	96.7%
Otter	95.2%	Maple	93.3%
Fox	99.1%	Willow	96.1%
Hare	86.9%	Oak	95.8%
Beech	89.1%	Elm	94.3%

## Well done this week to

- Hedgehog
- Rowan



This term's collective worship focus is:

### TRUTHFULNESS

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6

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

## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** David H, **Otter:** Maisy R, **Hare:** Zac P, **Rowan:** Boglar B-G, **Chestnut:** Angel P, **Willow:** Sophie T, **Elm:** Danny-Jay L, **Oak:** Leo S



## Busters Book club –

Well done this week to **Otter in KS1 and Birch in KS2** for their 100% in Buster's Book Club Reading.

## Year 5 Parents PESE Information

Many thanks to all the Year 5 parents who attending the PESE meeting on Tuesday it was good to see so many parents there.

The presentation from the evening has been sent out to parents via Class Dojo and Parent Mail. The Kent Test Practice Paper and 10-Minute Test books can now be ordered to support their child's familiarisation with the process at home. Please note you will need to register for the Kent Test between 1<sup>st</sup> June and July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

The Folkestone School for Girls have informed us that their Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 28th June 2018** from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. If you are unable to make this date there is an alternative Open Morning on Monday 9th July 2018 from 9.15am. Please contact the school directly to book an appointment for this event.

A reminder that The Harvey Grammar School Open Evening takes place on **Wednesday 4th July 2018** from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. If for any reason you are unable to visit on this date you should contact the school to arrange an Open Day tour on the morning of 6th July 2018.

## Sponsored Bounce – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Our Sponsored Bounce event next Thursday is the main fundraising event for this term. Please do try to get as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. We are looking to raise funds for a class set of iPads so will be trying to get as close to a £3000 target as possible. That works out to be approx £10 per family. The benefits will be for ALL the children here at St Nicholas.

# St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 6.00pm to 8.00pm

All parents and their families are welcome to attend.



At our Open Evening this year there will be an opportunity to meet your child's next class teacher and see the exciting learning that has taken place in your child's class and across the school. There will also be opportunities to try the school dinners and meet the school uniform supplier as well. We do hope that as many members of the school community and their family members are able to attend this event.

## EYFS improvements

Over the half term holiday Mr Leech our caretaker has been busy making improvements to the EYFS outside area.

We are waiting for the bark and stone boulders to arrive to complete this new area for the children.

The Open Evening should present a wonderful opportunity for parents to see the many changes taking place around the school.



## Parent Council

The next meeting of the parent council will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm** next week. Our Parent Council is set up to support and create a welcoming school that is inclusive for all parents and to promote relationships between the school, pupils, parents, carers and the wider community. For this to happen effectively it's really important that we have people who can change things within the school and the key influencers are YOU the parents. Come along and join us – support the school from the inside!