



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Parent/Teacher Consultations. Sometimes meeting the class teacher can be a little daunting. Some parents have even said to me that they even feel a little apprehensive about what they might be told. Or if it is your first time, maybe you simply do not know what to expect.

***If any of the above fits you then the guide below might help you.***

To help you make the most of your meeting you might like to read my three top tips for how to make the most of your parent teacher consultation.

**Be prepared.** Before the meeting, talk to your child to find out what they enjoy most about school, what they are finding hard and if they feel happy at school. Jot down any questions you may have to take with you.

**Think about your questions.** Consider what you want to ask the teacher and in the meeting feel free to ask a teacher to explain what they are telling you. If they use terms that you do not understand don't be afraid to ask. Your questions for the teacher could include: What is my child good at? What does my child need help with? How can I help my child at home?

**Make a commitment.** After your consultation talk to your child about the meeting, **praise** them for all their achievements and **encourage** their hard work.

Make a commitment to yourself and your child about one thing that will help your child. Make it realistic and manageable e.g. once a week we will play an extra maths game to help with number skills or every time we go to the shops you can count out my coins for me to help you with adding your money.

During the consultation meeting they will share information about:

- Your child's general behaviour, attendance and effort
- Your child's academic ability, general learning strengths and development areas
- How your child has settled into their new class / year group
- How you can support your child at home

Please remember this is a 10 minute slot, or 20 minutes for Year R if you need a longer time to talk in depth to the teacher about a specific concern, then you are welcome to make a separate appointment with your child's teacher.

I hope you find the information above informative and that it will help you make the most of your Parent/Teacher Consultation meeting.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary

### October

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rev Julie's Leaving Service at St Nicholas Church  
10.30am

#### **Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**

Open Classes Yr R to Yr 6  
(3pm - 3.45pm)

#### **Tues 16<sup>th</sup>**

Individual pupil & family photos

#### **Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**

Year R Parent Teacher Consultations 1.00pm to 4.40pm

#### **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>**

Year R to 6, Parent / Teacher Consultation  
3.30pm to 8.00pm

#### **Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **END OF TERM 1**

#### **Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

Children return to school  
Gymnastics – Otter class must have PE kit in school

#### **Tues 30<sup>th</sup>**

Gymnastics – Badger class must have PE kit in school

Prospective new entrants Open Evening. Meeting with the HT at 4.30pm and again at 5.30pm

### November

#### **Week beginning Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity Week at Kingswood

#### **Wed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Yoga – Birch class PE kit must be in school

#### **Sun 11<sup>th</sup>**

Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church

#### **Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

Anti-Bullying Week

#### **Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**

School Closed to pupils (Inset Day)



## 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.



This term's collective worship focus is:  
**COURAGE**

Our whole-school attendance this week was 94.1%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	98.3%	Rowan	92.2%
Squirrel	97.5%	Beech	96.1%
Badger	91.9%	Birch	96.8%
Otter	94.1%	Maple	92.6%
Fox	90.5%	Willow	95.4%
Hare	91.3%	Oak	93.4%
Chestnut	97.6%	Elm	96.5%

## Well done this week to

- Hedgehog
- Chestnut

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

## Individual Photos - Reminder

Individual school photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 16th October**. If you would like photographs taken with other members of your family, including non-school age children please come along between 3:00-3:30pm in the Den.

## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Hedgehog:** Oliver B, **Otter:** Lilly C, **Fox:** Aiden L, **Rowan:** Chloe R, **Birch:** Freddy W, **Willow:** Jayleigh Y

**Nicholas Bear was awarded to...BIRCH**

## Open Classes

On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** classes will be open **from 3.00pm to 3.45pm** to allow you to look at your child's books before the Parent Teacher Consultation. It will give parents the opportunity to see how their child is doing in their daily work.

This is not a time to talk with the teacher although many will be present but you could use this time to look at your child's work and talk with your child about what things they enjoy doing in different subjects.

## Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications Reminder

Applications for transfer to secondary school for September 2019 close at midnight on **Wednesday 31 October 2018**. If you have not already done so your child's application must be completed by this date.

## School Grounds Day

Thank you to all those who attended the school grounds day last weekend. I'm sure many of you will have seen the shrubs that have been cleared outside the office. We have also made great progress in improving the KS1 playground environment.

## Cross Country Event

A huge well done to the 42 pupils who took part in the Cross Country event at Three Hills Sports Park after school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

I am very pleased to say that the Year 3/4 team came in first place overall and the Year 5/6 team came in second overall.

Congratulations also go to Joseph W and Ronnie G who came in first place in their year groups and to Boglar B-G who came second in her year group.

Thank you to the parents and staff for their support and getting the pupils to and from the venue.