



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## St Nicholas CE Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the Harvest Service earlier this week. It was good to see so many parents supporting their children. I would also like to thank our families for their kind Harvest Parcels. The donations have been boxed up and will be distributed to families and individuals within our community, who I am sure will be grateful for such kind support.

Next week is Science Week across the school and each year group will be undertaking an exciting week long investigation to complete. Watch out for information on this as no-doubt parents will be asked to supply all manner of junk modelling materials and will have an opportunity to come into school and see what's been going on in each of the classes.

A reminder for parents that the Parent Teacher consultations will be taking place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm until 8.00pm**. This will be the first real opportunity of the year to find out how your child has settled into their class and learn more about how they are progressing. We do hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join us for this very important event. Further information and details on booking a consultation slot will be sent out via ParentMail.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

### House Captains

Children have now voted for their House Captains. Amongst various responsibilities of showing guests around the school and meeting with Governors, the children will also collect and collate House Points on a weekly basis. House Points are awarded for excellent learning and effort but also for manners and demonstrating the St Nicholas way.

This year's House Captains are: Mia S, Medard B-G, Lily H, Ryan L-E, Zeeka F, Rebecca C, Hayden S & Lacey D.



### Dates for your diary

#### October

##### **Sat 6<sup>th</sup>**

School Grounds tidy up day 9am – 2pm

##### **W/B Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**

Science Week

##### **Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**

RWI Parent Workshop at 2.30pm and again at 6.00pm

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

11+ (PESE Test) results released

##### **Year 6 Parents meeting at 6.00pm**

PESE Secondary School Application Information evening and Kingswood update

##### **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 3.00pm

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

Year R to 6 Parent / Teacher Consultations 3.30pm to 8.00pm

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

**END OF TERM 1**

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

Children return to school



## **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.**

**Our whole-school attendance this week was 95.5%.**

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	96.1%	Rowan	96.5%
Squirrel	97.1%	Beech	93.9%
Badger	95.2%	Birch	96.8%
Otter	96.4%	Maple	95%
Fox	95%	Willow	99.2%
Hare	93.9%	Oak	92.8%
Chestnut	96.2%	Elm	94.6%



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

## **Well done this week to**

- **Squirrel**
- **Willow**

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

## **School Ground Improvement Day**

Tomorrow **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** from 9am to 2pm we will be holding our second School Grounds Improvement Day. We have a small number of areas we would like to focus on. We will continue with painting and redecorating areas of the grounds used by the children as well as removing and clearing some shrubs. If you are able to support us we would be most grateful.

Please help us by bringing your own tools and paint brushes as we only have a limited supply. If you can spare some time to come and help us improve our outdoor learning areas then we would love to see you. All help is gratefully received!

## **Star Award**



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Badger:** Rory B, **Hare:** Frankie C, **Chestnut:** Frankie P, **Beech:** Sam M,  
**Maple:** Macie W, **Elm:** Medard B-G

## **Individual photos**

Individual school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you have more than one child in school and would like them photographed together a letter is being sent home on Monday. Please fill in the letter and return to the school office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Without this your children will not be photographed together. If you would like photographs taken with other members of your family, including non-school age children please come along between 3-3:30pm.

## **IMPORTANT – Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications.**

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.

Parents can apply for up to 4 schools putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interests to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once.

If you would like more information on this process please attend the Parent Information session at school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm**. Your child will be bringing home an information leaflet this afternoon. Parents will also receive further details regarding the Kingswood Residential on the same evening.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

The final amount raised for the MacMillan Cancer Support via donations and the coffee and cake sale was £143.00 – thank you to everyone for their very generous donations and support!



**Community Friendship Perseverance Ambition Respect Trust**