



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at school although a bit quieter than usual as Year 6 have been away enjoying their residential at Kingswood. On Wednesday afternoon I popped up to see how they were getting on and despite the rain and the wind, they all appeared to be having a fabulous time albeit covered in mud from their blind folded obstacle trail – I've never had so many offers of muddy hugs! Year 5 have really stepped up to the mark and already proved that although it's a long way off, they will make a great Year 6 next year.

I have been observing lots of lessons since our return to school after the half term break and I am so pleased to say that the behaviour and attitude the children have towards their learning is generally super. They are enthusiastic and eager to please – a real pleasure. To build on this enthusiasm, I have included a maths tip for you at home.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Turner

**Deputy Headteacher**

### **Maths Tip Of The Week**



Make maths fun and let your children see the point of it in their everyday life. When you play games with the children, give them the chance to add up the totals on their dice on their own; resist the urge to jump in and tell them the total. As your children get older, let them keep score or even be the banker in games like Monopoly. Play card games, Yahzee or Rummicub to encourage

mental arithmetic. On the walk home from school, see who can spot the car registration plate with the highest total. Have fun!

### **Lantern Parade**

The organising team of Light Up New Romney are giving St Nicholas pupils the chance to make their own lantern to carry in this year's parade on **Friday 7th December**. The event promises a whole evening of fun and festive entertainment from 5.30 pm including carols, real live reindeer, Father Christmas and late night shopping in the High Street.

A full day workshop will be held in school for KS1 children on 4th December. These will all be free but we would like the children to bring in items from home which would usually have gone in your recycle bin. More details to follow in the newsletter after half term. We're all looking forward to it very much.

### **End of school day**

Please could we respectfully request for parents to wait before speaking to the class teacher until they have seen all of the children out of class safely as it can be difficult to monitor children while talking to an adult. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **November**

#### **Sun 11th**

Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church

#### **Mon 12th**

Anti-Bullying Week  
Odd Socks Day

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

Children In Need – Wear something spotty

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

*Inset Day - School Closed*

#### **Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

National Height & Weight Measurements  
YR & Y6

### **December**

#### **Sun 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tree of Love Service at St Nicholas Church 5pm onwards

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

KS1 Lantern making workshop

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

St Nicholas Day School Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am

St Nicholas House Non-uniform Day

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

Whole School Panto

#### **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity Performance at 1.45pm

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

KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.30am

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

Christmas jumper day  
KS2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church 9:30am

**LAST DAY OF TERM**



## 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 please notify the School on 01797 363118 or via ParentMail app under 'Notify Absence'.



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

Our whole-school attendance this week was 98.3%.

Class attendance rates this week			
Hedgehog	92.6%	Rowan	99%
Squirrel	95.7%	Beech	99.2%
Badger	98.1%	Birch	99.2%
Otter	97.3%	Maple	96.7%
Fox	96.2%	Willow	94.8%
Hare	100%	Oak	100%
Chestnut	99%	Elm	100%

## Well done this week to

- Hare
- Beech & Birch

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

## Reception class 2019

Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 will start school in September 2019. This is not an automatic process; you will need to apply for a Reception place.

Applications open on Monday 5 November 2018 and close at midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Applications should be made online at:-

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places)

## Star Award



Star of the week awards went to:

**Squirrel:** Mason F, **Badger:** Freya P, **Hare:** William T, **Chestnut:** Jasmine S,  
**Beech:** Joshua P, **Maple:** Angel P

## Basketball League

For the last 2 weeks, fifteen Year 5 children have taken part in a basketball league at Folkestone. I had the pleasure of watching the games in week 1 and was so impressed with their energy and skills. Over the course of the 2 weeks everyone's ability improved with many of the children scoring shots. I was enormously proud of the effort and the sportsmanship displayed – well done to all of those children who took part. Two of the teams finished in joint 4th place just one point off the medals. I'm sure next year will be even better.