

Friday 23rd October 2015
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of the half term upon us, I write to thank all staff and pupils for their hard work and efforts with so much change having taken place across the school's curriculum.

I have been fortunate to go into lessons across the school this term to find out what the teachers are teaching and have a look at what your children are learning. It is clear from my observations that there are lots of good opportunities provided across the school and more importantly that the new school curriculum is interesting your children.

After the half term break we begin to prepare for Parent Consultations. If you have yet to sign up for a consultation appointment, please ensure that you do so promptly. The staff look forward to meeting you to discuss the children's progress, and I hope that as many parents as possible will take the opportunity to attend this important event and visit the school for the open session where you will have the opportunity to review the work your child has covered this term allowing you to prepare for the consultation evening.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Healthy Snacks

Please may we remind parents that pupils are only allowed to bring healthy items of snack to school for break times. Over the course of the last week we have seen a range of snacks being eaten including sausage rolls, chocolate, crisps and even a trifle!

We recommend a piece of fresh fruit or dried such as raisins. Please ensure you do not send sweets, chocolate, chocolate biscuits or crisps. Healthy snacks are provided to our Key Stage 1 pupils. Can we also ask that children do not have any snack placed into their lunch box as sometimes children are tempted to eat what parents have placed in their lunch boxes before lunchtime leaving children with less to eat at the time it is intended.

If your child brings their own water bottle into school we also remind parents that it should only be still water. This means no flavoured water or squash. Parents can of course buy water for their child from the school office for a very reasonable charge of 40p per bottle.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The school will be collecting for the poppy appeal again after the half term. Children are welcome to bring in their money to purchase a poppy – please may we suggest a donation of no less than 50p

Dates for your diary

Mon 2nd Nov –
Children return to
school

Tues 3rd Nov – Open
Classes 3pm

Tues 10th Nov Parent
Teacher Consultations
(Late) 16:30 hrs
>19:30hrs

Wed 11th Nov Parent
Teacher Consultations
(Early) 15:20hrs >
18:00hrs

Thurs 26th Nov
Open session at
9.30am for parents
whose children start
school Sept 2016

Fri 27th Nov Messy
Church here at St
Nicholas School 3.15
to 4.30pm

TERM DATES

Fri 23rd Oct - End of
term 1

Mon 2nd Nov – Term 2
starts, children return
to school

Fri 18th Dec – Term 2
ends at 3pm

Staff Development Days

The school will be
closed to children on
these dates

Friday 27th November
Friday 8th July

Attendance

This week we are sending home details of each child's attendance this term. Many of the children have very good attendance, with over a third of the school having excellent attendance. There are of course always some who can do better and we look forward to seeing these improve in the term ahead.

Well done to Willow class who achieved 98.8% attendance this week.

Whole school attendance was 95.2%

Class attendances were:

Squirrels	92.1%	Hedgehogs	95.5%
Otter	92.6%	Badgers	97.4%
Eagles	97.2%	Owls	92.3%
Kestrels	95.8%	Kites	93.5%
Birch	93.3%	Maple	97.3%
Willow	98.8%	Chestnuts	88.3%
Rowan	98.3%		

Our target for attendance is 96.6%,

Active Kids Equipment from Sainsbury's



On Monday 19th October, colleagues from Sainsbury's New Romney attended a PE class at St Nicholas to see the new Active Kids equipment. St. Nicholas Primary School was the top collecting organisation local to New Romney and had collected over 30,000 vouchers. The school had been able to purchase a bundle of equipment including **rugby balls, skipping ropes, beanbags, tennis rackets, camping sets, zigzag tunnels, as well as equipment used in both junior and infant playgrounds during lunchtime.**

Fiona Cockerill, Store Manager at Sainsbury's New Romney said; "We've had a fantastic response at St.

Nicholas Primary School, seeing the pupils with their new equipment. It's brilliant to see the benefits of the scheme. We look forward to working with the school in the future."

Many Thanks to all our Parents and wider family members for their support in the collection of the vouchers.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter into school, please remind them to come in through the small gate by the bike lock up. They **must not** ride across the Junior Playground.

School Uniform

Please be reminded that suitable school uniform must be worn. A large number of girls are wearing leggings to school and these are not school uniform. Please ensure trousers or a skirt are worn to school.



Awards

Star of the week awards go to; Badgers – Zac, **Otters** – Freddy, **Eagles** – Paul, **Owls** – Rhys, **Kestrels** – Ronnie, **Kites** – Lauren, **Birch** – Harry, **Maple** – Shanelle, **Willow** – Aimee, **Rowan** – Jack W, **Chestnut** – Indiana

Work to be proud of awards go to; Badgers – Ruby, **Otters** – India, **Eagles** – Macie, **Owls** – Jayden, **Kestrels** – Harry, **Kites** – Hudson, **Birch** – Emily, **Maple** – Nicole, **Willow** – Luca, **Rowan** – Paris, **Chestnut** – Rhys.



Letters sent home this week: Parent Teacher Consultation, Fashion Show, and Attendance Letters

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