

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)**  
**Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**  
**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of this week, unbelievably we will be half way through the school year. Year 6, R and 2 parent consultations will have taken place and the annual reports for years 1, 3, 4 & 5 will be just around the corner.

As I pointed out at the recently well attended assessment meeting for parents – these reports are aimed at ensuring we are able to provide parents with the information they need to assist us in supporting their child. As a school our priority remains the same – We will work to ensure we provide the best educational experience for every child.

After the half term break, we will be focussing on school uniform once more. If we feel children are not coming to school in the correct uniform we will be sending them home with a leaflet explaining what the correct uniform is. We have been noticing a number of children coming into school with coloured shoes or trainers; we do expect the children to wear black shoes.

Unfortunately we received a number of complaints from parents last week regarding a small minority of parents using inappropriate language on the school site. I am afraid that this sort of language cannot be tolerated where we are trying to set the highest standards for our young people by ensuring they have good role models of us all.

Finally, I hope that all of St Nicholas's families will have a good break next week but that there will also be time for many of our pupils to spend time consolidating their learning in reading, practising their spellings and tables.

Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely  
Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

### **Moving on**

After 12 years of dedicated loyalty and support Tina, our much appreciated school administrative officer will be leaving us at the beginning of March, after the half term break, to take up a new post as a receptionist.

I know that many of you will join the staff in wishing Tina all our very best wishes in her new venture for the future.

### **Reminders**

- FLO breakfast meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.30am – 10am.
- Headteacher/ parents homework meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm
- KS1 maths workshop for parents – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.15pm
- Messy Church – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3.15pm

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Ofsted Parent meeting  
6.30pm

#### **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Breakfast and Chat  
with the FLO and  
Children Centre staff  
8.30am – 10am

#### **Year R & 2 Parent**

Teacher Consultation  
4.30pm to 7.30pm

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

Year R & 2 Parent  
Teacher Consultation  
3.20pm to 6.00pm

### **TERM DATES**

#### **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Term ends

#### **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Term starts

#### **Easter Holiday**

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 8<sup>th</sup>  
April

#### **Term 5**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April to Fri  
27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Bank Holiday Monday**

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – school  
closed

#### **May Half term**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June 2016

#### **Term 6**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>  
July 2016

## Busters Book Club

What a fantastic week reading we have had! 165 children in our school **met** their reading target and 126 of those **exceeded** it reading **4548 extra minutes!** This brings our exceeding target total up to 7063 extra minutes of reading over just 2 weeks!

The classes with the best exceeding minutes totals are:

**KS1 & FOUNDATION** Badgers: 275 minutes & Hedgehogs 136 minutes

**KS2** Willow: 1830 minutes, Birch: 1310 minutes, & Rowan: 991 minutes

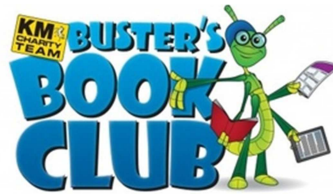
### WINNING CLASSES THIS WEEK:

The focus was improvement in children meeting their reading targets:

**KS1 & FOUNDATION:** Hedgehogs: Improving from 35% to 50% this week

**KS2:** Willow: Improving from 42% to 70% this week

Congratulations to both classes!



This weeks collective worship focus is:

### THINKING ABOUT LENT

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

## Attendance

Well done to Kestrel class who achieved 99.3% attendance in the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Whole school attendance to 5<sup>th</sup> February was 93.9%.

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

### Romney Marsh Community Church – Friday Club

Meets Friday 6 - 7.30pm  
for children in school  
years 3 – 6

It's an informal social time  
for children to join in with  
fun games and activities  
and chill together.

## Star Awards

**Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs:** Chloe, **Badgers:** Maya,

**Eagles:** Maddison, **Kestrels:** Lilly-Mae, **Willow:** Millie, **Rowan:** Luke

**Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels:** Freya, **Otters:**

Lex, **Owls:** Peggy, **Kites:** Roxy, **Birch:** Adam, **Maple:** Jasmine,

**Chestnut:** Isabel



**Nicholas Bear went to: Otters**

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please send in any Active Kids vouchers that you may have, the box is in the front reception. Last year our school was the top organisation local to New Romney collecting 30,000 vouchers. This year we will be collecting vouchers for Infant and Junior playground and PE equipment.

## Fencing After School Club

Thank you to those year 3, 4 and 5 parents who have completed the questionnaire. The responses so far have been overwhelmingly positive and we are hopeful that we may be able to run a Fencing Club in Terms 5 & 6. If you would like to have your say then please complete the questionnaire and return it to Mrs Andrews by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## Receptionist/Secretary advert

We are seeking to appoint an efficient and organised receptionist/secretary to join our busy administration team, salary is Kent Range 3 (£14952 - £16633 pro rata). It is 37 hours per week, 39 weeks per year. All applications need to be made on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). Closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> February with the interviews being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please call 01797 361906 to make an appointment.

**Parking** - Now the inclement weather is upon us more car journeys to and from school are taking place. We have been contacted by some local residents and parents about parking. We ask that you are considerate of our neighbours and pedestrians when parking outside the school. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation in this matter.

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