

Monday 29th February 2016
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you read today's newsletter the school will have been visited by a representative of the Diocese to carry out the Church Schools Inspection. As St Nicholas is a Church of England School, it is inspected by the Diocese of Canterbury as well as Ofsted. The inspection focuses on the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school, its collective worship and the teaching of RE. As soon as we know the outcomes of the visit we will advise parents.

As I informed parents, last week we were visited by members of the Local Authority advisory team to check on the progress of the school in working towards the school plan. I am pleased to let you know that they were happy with the progress we are continuing to make. During the visit, they highlighted the obvious improvements in the quality of teaching and learning, the progress now being made by all groups of pupils and the quality of the work in pupils' books.

I was also delighted with the comments regarding the impact of the Power of Reading and the Writers Workshop curriculum and the obvious benefits in the progress and attainment of pupils. This was made all the more pleasing when we were asked to provide examples of our work for other Kent schools, to demonstrate age related expectations of learning. We will continue to work hard in our ambition to provide the best educational experience for every child.

Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Head lice – Once a week take a peek

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant so we need your help to combat the bugs!

As a school it is our job to promote the policy and ensure parents/carers are provided with the advice and support to effectively detect and treat cases of head lice affecting their own children.

We understand your frustrations and concerns regarding head lice. To try and address the issues that exist within our own school we are asking parents that on **Wednesday 2nd March** we all check our children's hair in the evening and if need to, **treat the whole family in trying to combat the issue of head lice.**

We would like you to check your child for head lice once a week using a nit comb which are available from the local chemist. Please use this reminder to check your child's hair as head lice don't always cause an itchy scalp (head) so many people will be unaware that they are infected. We understand girls like to wear their hair down but we do request that long hair is tied up to minimise head to head contact in school.

Treating head lice is not a problem. Detection and **effective ongoing treatment** of head lice is key to reducing the outbreaks.

Dates for your diary

Fri 4th March

PTFA Own clothes day in exchange for a gift.

Fri 11th March

PTFA Easter Fayre
3pm onwards

Tues 15th March

Prayer week with Rev Julie

Fri 18th March

Sports Relief Day –
Own clothes for £1

Tues 22nd March

Class School photos day

TERM DATES

Thurs 24th March

Term ends

Easter Holiday

Fri 25th March to Fri 8th
April

Term 5

Mon 11th April to Fri
27th May

Bank Holiday Monday

2nd May 2016 – school
closed

May Half Term

Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd
June 2016

Term 6

Mon 6th June – Fri 22nd
July 2016

Staff Development Day

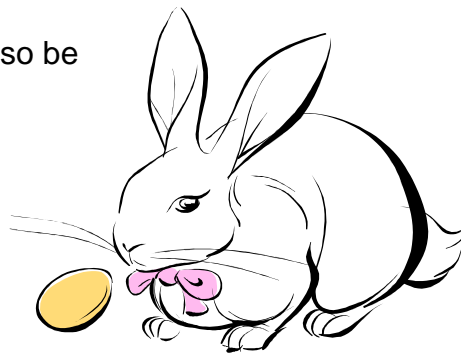
The school will be
closed to children on
this date
Friday 8th July

PTFA Easter Fayre

On **Friday 4th March** the school will be holding a non uniform day to help with the PTFA Easter Fayre – We would be grateful to receive a gift/ donation that could be used either as a tombola or raffle prize.

All offers of help with the fayre would also be gratefully received.

The Easter Fayre will take place on **Friday 11th March** from 3pm onwards – we look forward to seeing you there.



This weeks collective worship focus is:

THE SEA AS CALM & UNCHANGING.

“...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

Attendance

Well done to class Kites who achieved 100% attendance in the week ending 26th February.

Whole school attendance to 26th February was 94.2%.

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

Start of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: Keelie M, **Badgers:** Aimee BC, **Eagles:** Mia T, **Kestrels:** Joseph YS, **Willow:** Beau G, **Rowan:** Patrick W.

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Cadence C, **Otters:** Amiee C, **Kites:** Addie R, **Birch:** Charlotte R, **Maple:** Daniel M, **Chestnut:** Isabel M.



Nicholas Bear went to: KITES- for fantastic attendance

Home Learning

As promised, at the end of this week we will send out the new details on the schools provision for homework. We were pleased to see so many parents attend our maths workshops. As highlighted at these sessions we will be starting the on-line learning programme 'My maths.' If they have not already done so, children will be coming home this week with their logon details along with information for parents on how to help use the site.

Sainsbury's Tokens

Please continue to send in your tokens which will be used to purchase equipment for the playgrounds at lunchtimes.

Buster's Book Club

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1: We really need a big push on reading at home and bringing your bookmarks in, as your scores were significantly lower than Key Stage 2.

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