

Monday 7th March 2016
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I informed parents in last week's newsletter, we were visited by a representative of the Diocese of Canterbury to carry out the Church Schools Inspection. I would like to thank all the parents who spoke to the inspector, along with those who took the time to meet with her formally. Throughout the inspection the children's behaviour was commented and highlighted upon positively to school leaders. As soon as the report is available to us we will publish this on the school website.

Last week, year 6 secondary school placements were announced. If parents have not been able to secure their first choice preference, please make an appointment via the school office and I will be happy to assist where I am able.

We continue to have the Local Authority visit. Last week, the emphasis of the visit was on the quality of marking and feedback. This is an area where the school has worked hard to ensure the feedback marking allows children to make progress in their work. Pupil feedback makes the biggest possible difference in supporting learning and helping children make the best possible progress. This comes in a variety of forms from verbal feedback, pupil self assessment and feedback in marking. At St Nicholas we are pleased with the way we continue to develop a culture of feedback in marking. We focus our feedback on pupil progress, effort and determination. We provide children with next learning steps or a learning question linked to the learning intention. Do ask your child how marking is helping them to improve as a learner.

We have a new member of staff joining the school team. Hayley Bartlett will be starting as receptionist in the office this week. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome at St Nicholas.
Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale

Headteacher

Sports Relief

On Friday 18th March the school will be participating in Sport Relief, one of the UK's biggest fundraising events. Half the money raised in Sport Relief is spent in the UK, the other half is spent in the world's poorest communities.

We are inviting the children and staff to wear their favourite sports kit for the day in return for a donation of £1 for Sport Relief. The children can wear their football kit, cricket whites, dance kit or just some joggers and a t-shirt (Please do not send additional props such as racquets and sticks for safety reasons!)

There will be a special assembly where the children will learn about how the money raised will be spent.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Dates for your diary

Fri 11th March

PTFA Easter Fayre
3pm onwards

Tues 15th March

Prayer week with Rev Julie

Fri 18th March

Sports Relief Day

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

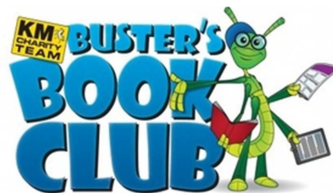
Friday 8th July

Busters Book Club

This week 167 children met their weekly reading target – Fantastic!
147 exceeded their weekly reading challenge – two new records for us! This takes our exceeding minutes total, since the competition started, to **21547** minutes. Well done to all of you for your super reading!

Winning classes this week – The focus was the classes with the highest amount of children reaching their reading target. The winning classes were, in KS1 **Owls 50%** and in KS2 **Birch 76%**. **Congratulations to both classes.**

Key Stage 1 we really need a big push on reading at home and remembering to PLEASE bring your bookmarks into school!



This weeks collective worship focus is:

REFLECTING ON THE SEA AS WILD & STORMY

Psalm 89:9 "You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them."

Attendance

Well done to class Rowan who achieved 100% attendance in the week ending 4th March.

Whole school attendance to 4th March was 94.3%.

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: **Squirrels:** Aaliyah A,
Otters: Freddy W, **Owls:** Ashleigh R, **Kites:** Milli C, **Birch:** Maddox T,
Maple: Skye T, **Chestnut:** Joe S



Work to be proud of awards went to: **Hedgehogs:** Sophie B,
Badgers: Ryan P, **Eagles:** Harry D, **Kestrels:** Sophie T,
Willow: Madison S, **Rowan:** Morgan P



Sailing at St Nicholas...



Last week the children in year 6 visited 'The Rye Water Sports Centre,' taking the opportunity to learn new skills in sailing.

The children spent the afternoon learning a range of skills such as tacking, gybing and sailing across the wind and up wind. All the children reported that they had a great time.

Vacancy We are seeking to appoint **mid-day supervisors** who will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and engage children whilst ensuring their safety and wellbeing. You will need excellent communication skills and have the ability to create a positive environment. Good time management and ability to use your own initiative is essential. The main responsibilities of the role are: to supervise pupils during mealtimes, to supervise outdoor play activities (indoors in bad weather), to prevent accidents, where possible, and provide basic first aid or seek help from a designated first aider, according to the Health and Safety Policy. The post is from 12 noon to 1.15pm daily during term time only with opportunities for overtime to attend staff training and development. For more details see www.kent-teach.com

PTFA Easter Fayre - reminder This will take place on **Friday 11th March** from 3pm onwards – we look forward to seeing as many as you as possible at this event.

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