

Monday 14th March 2016

**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**

Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank everyone on the PTFA and the stall helpers for their marvellous support of the school last Friday. We had a splendid turnout of parents and grandparents and in so doing we have again managed to raise much needed funds to support our children in all the extras within the curriculum and their learning.

This week we will be joined by Rev Julie and Jacky Darling to lead the children in our first ever prayer week, to extend the pupils' understanding of Christian prayer. On that note, parents will be able to find our SIAMs Church School Inspection report on the school website – it can be found on the Church School Distinctiveness page > SIAMs Inspection. The report highlights the "...high expectations of behaviour" and "... pupils talk about the ways in which they treat each other well." I was particularly heartened that the inspector thought that St Nicholas "... is a school with the capacity to improve rapidly as a church school."

As parents will have seen from the letter which I sent out last Friday we now prepare to move forward to academy status. I would like to reassure parents and carers that while this process takes place, we will continue to work hard, ensuring that nothing gets in the way of the progress made in improving the quality of teaching and learning.

The school football team have made a great start to their participation in the Herald Cup – a competition in which 20 schools across Shepway take part. So far the school team has two wins out of two! On Mon 29th Feb they won away against St Augustine's 7-2 and on Mon 7th March they had another decisive win against Christchurch 2-0 at home. Let's hope their form continues – Our players are *Arfon, Harris, Patrick, Will, Joe, Casper, Luke, Jack, Paris, Lewis, James and Ryen.*

Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

SATs

Do you have a child in year 2 or year 6?

If so they will be taking the national curriculum tests (SATs) in May 2016. The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children the same age nationally. There are changes to the tests this year for both key stages. This is because the tests are based on the new national curriculum, which your child has been taught since September 2014.

Parents of children in these year groups will receive a leaflet this evening explaining the new changes in greater detail.

Dates for your diary

Tues 15th March
Prayer week with Rev Julie

Fri 18th March
Sports Relief Day

Tues 22nd March
Class School photos day

Wed 23rd March
Easter service

TERM DATES

Term ends
Thurs 24th March

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

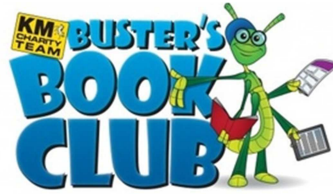
Half term
Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June 2016

Term 6
Mon 6th June – Fri 22nd July 2016

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

Busters Book Club

This week 158 children met their weekly reading target! 124 exceeded their reading target. This takes our total reading minutes (including our target reading), since the competition started to 4352 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 meeting their reading target this week.

KS1 & FOUNDATION: Eagles: 48% **KS2:** Kestrels with a MASSIVE 88%
Congratulations to both classes!

There are still less children in KS1 completing their reading - in one KS1 class there were only 4 children who met their target!

Attendance

Well done to Squirrels class who achieved 99% attendance in the week ending 11th March.

Whole school attendance to 11th March was 94.2%.

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



This weeks collective worship focus is:

THE SEA OF TRANSFORMATION

"May the God of peace equip us with everything good for doing his will."

Hebrews 13:20-21

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: Megan F, **Badgers:** Nathan B, **Eagles:** Kyra D, **Kestrels:** Hayden S, **Willow:** Amber D, **Rowan:** Jude T

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Harry D, **Otters:** India P, **Owls:** Liam M, **Kites:** Zeeka F, **Maple:** Riley A, **Birch:** Aaliyah S, **Chestnuts:** Indiana F



Nicholas Bear awarded to... to be announced

Sport Relief



On **Friday 18th March** the school will be participating in Sport Relief. We are inviting the children and staff to wear their favourite sports kit for the day in return for a donation of £1 to 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!)

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Sainsbury's Active Kid Vouchers

Please send your vouchers in to help us buy playground equipment for the children, thank you.



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