

Monday 21st March 2016
**St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter**
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been incredibly short just a little under 5 weeks. When we return after the Easter break, year one, two and six pupils will all take part at different points in their phonics screenings and SATs assessments. Many children in year six will be taking part in an Easter school programme; we are using this to ensure the children are as well prepared for their transition to secondary school as they can be.

On Friday 11th March you received a letter regarding the proposal to convert to an Academy. In that letter it stated that the school name would not change. Currently the school's official name is *St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled) Primary School*. It is proposed that the school changes its name to: **St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**.

This week we will finally be sending home the new expectations for homework across the school. These along with a list of expectations will be sent home to parents so that they know what to expect from the school and what the school will expect of its pupils. I hope that the feedback I have received from parents alongside the input of staff and pupils into this will ensure that home learning is given the right level of emphasis for all within the school.

Finally, may I thank everyone for their continued support of the school over the term, your support is important to us. Hopefully I will see many of you at the Easter Service this week, but if not may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Commonwealth Day

On Monday 14th March 2016 pupils from year six attended the Princess Diana Memorial Gardens to celebrate Commonwealth Day with other local dignitaries. Commonwealth Day is where 53 nations come together to promote the shared Commonwealth values of peace, democracy and equality. We were met by the Mayor and other councillors; we read out poems and sang the national anthem before going to the golf club to have a cup of tea and a slice of CAKE!

We are grateful for being given this opportunity.



Dates for your diary

Tues 22nd March
Class School photos day – Full Uniform
PLEASE

Wed 23rd March
Easter service at 1.30pm in Church

Term ends
Thurs 24th March

Easter Holiday
Fri 25th March to Fri 8th April

Mon 11th April
Children return to school

Fri 29th April
End of Academy Consultation

TERM DATES

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 172 children met their weekly reading target! 131 exceeded their reading target. This takes our total reading minutes (including our target reading), since the competition started to 51458 minutes! Well done to all of you for your super reading!



WINNING CLASSES LAST WEEK:

The focus was the classes with the highest amount of reading minutes (including target minutes) this week.

KS1 & FOUNDATION: Owls: 484 minutes

KS2: Willow: 1518 minutes

Congratulations to both classes!

Attendance

Well done to Hedgehogs class who achieved 100% attendance in the week ending 18th March.

Whole school attendance to 18th March was 94.2%.

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



This weeks collective worship focus is:

JESUS, HIS LAST DAYS

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

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: Squirrels: Tula F, **Otters:** Jack S, **Owls:** Joshua L, **Birch:** Jake R, **Chestnut:** Blake F

Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Jacob R, **Badgers:** Jaiden S, **Eagles:** Paul O, **Kestrels:** Harry S, **Willow:** Charlie R, **Rowan:** Paris W
Nicholas Bear awarded to...OTTERS!



Prayer week.

Our grateful thanks to both Rev'd Julie, Jacky Darling and other members of the SMT at ST Nicholas for leading the schools first ever prayer week. The response and thoughtfulness of the children was overwhelming.



Messy Church - Will take place on Good Friday 25th March **IN THE SCOUT HALL** at 3.15pm.



On Friday 18th March the school took part in fundraising for Sport Relief. For a donation the children could come into school wearing their sports clothes. We are delighted to say that thanks to your generosity the school raised a fantastic total of **£289.68!**

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