

Monday 18th April 2016
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable Easter break.

During the holiday period the school was still open, with building projects, family farm fun days and twenty year 6 children taking part in an Easter School Project. It was great to see so many of the children coming into school during the holiday working hard on their Maths and English. My thanks to Miss Barrow, Mrs Harper and Mrs Brown for giving up their holiday to work with the children. My thanks also to the parents for ensuring their children did the extra work over the holiday period and for getting them to school every day.

As I was reading the end of term reports for years 1, 3, 4 & 5 over the holiday, (years R, 2 & 6 will be sent out after assessments have been finalised in July) it struck me just how much has been achieved by the pupils. Whether it is the boy who has struggled to get organised and now shows signs of mastering this skill or the young girl who is taking off in her interest and attainment in Maths. Of the hundreds of reports I have read, most show significant strides forward. Although, there is still the need for some families to set aside time for key skills in reading. As I have said previously, reading is a life skill and one all children need to be proficient in. I hope the reports were helpful in indicating where your child is in terms of attainment and where they are heading. Do let me know your views and recommendations for further improvement.

It was good to see so many of the children on their return to school looking so smart in their uniform. I would like to thank parents for making sure their children come to school dressed as smartly as they are. There is, as with all things, one or two who perhaps are wearing items of foot wear which is either not safe or does not meet the school uniform requirements. We ask parents to ensure their child is in sensible footwear, this does not mean items of fashionwear or boots. Your help with this would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

New Gym Equipment

No doubt by now you will have all seen the new gym equipment on the school playground installed over the holiday period. It's already proving a big hit with the children and we are sure it will prove to be a valuable addition to the children's break time and PE activities.

As with anything which is new, everyone wants to use it – all we ask is for parents before and at the end of the school day, to supervise their own children when using these apparatus as we do not allow children to use the equipment during the school day without supervision. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for your diary

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
The school will be closed to children on this date

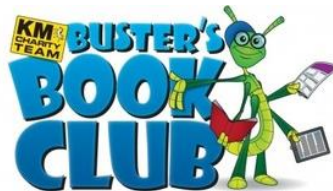
Friday 8th July

SCHOOL GATES CLOSURE TIMES

In order to safeguard your children the school gates will be closed between 8:55am and 2:55pm. They will then be locked at 3:15pm as we still have children on site attending clubs.
Thank you for your support.

Busters Book Club

We will start a big push from now until the end of the term on Busters Book Club again. Since we started the competition 51458 minutes of reading has been accrued! Well done to all of you for your super reading! Let's see if we can double the total we have built up over the term ahead – we just need everyone to make sure they are reading regularly every night and to record their reading total on the night the cards are taken in.



WINNING CLASSES LAST TERM:

Last term the classes which gained the best reading totals won over £30 of books for their class reading corners.

Congratulations go to **Badgers** and **Willow!**

A big well done to both classes!

Attendance

Well done to Rowan class who achieved 99.1% attendance in the week ending 15th April.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR IS CURRENTLY 94.4%

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

Star Awards

Start of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs: Stevie P, **Badgers:** Amy L, **Eagles:** Angel P, **Kestrels:** Lily H, **Willow:** Jessica G, **Rowan:** Tommy V

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Summer H, **Otters:** Edward M,

Owls: Harry E, **Kites:** Olivia O, **Birch:** Maddie P, **Maple:** Petru N, **Chestnut:** Amelie R



Nicholas Bear awarded to...ROWAN!



Collective Worship

This weeks collective worship focus is:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WISDOM

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Genesis 9: 17

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.

Last week at St Nicholas...



Children in year 5 started their windsurfing lessons. This, along with the sailing lessons experienced, has proved to be very popular with the children.



Teacher of the Term

Congratulations to Phil Henry! He has been working on a regular basis at St Nicholas Primary School in New Romney (pictured Mr Christopher Dale - Headteacher & Phil Henry)

They have been so pleased with the way he integrated into their schools culture. He is an excellent teacher and he is a firm favourite at all the Primary Schools he has worked at.



The year 6 children also had the opportunity to take part in cricket coaching, from a member of the Kent Cricket Community coaching team.

A big well done to Mr Henry who is known by the majority of children at St Nicholas – At the end of last term, Mr Henry was awarded Teacher of the Term in Kent by the 3R's recruitment agency. The article featured in

their termly newsletter and was distributed to schools throughout Kent.

Messy Church - Will take place on **Friday 29th April** at the Church from 3.15pm onwards – All ages are welcome.