

Monday 25th April 2016
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was another busy week at school last week. We interviewed for new Midday Lunchtime Supervisors to join our already strong and dedicated team who work so hard to ensure the safety and well-being of the children during their lunchtime period. We recruited a new cleaner and we continue to interview for new teachers to join the school as we seek to expand the number of classes next year. I am pleased to say all these appointments move forward in a positive way.

On Friday last week I joined 20 of the children in KS2 to take part in the Shepway Sports Rugby tournament. We had two teams entered in this tournament and both did very well – one coming third in its group of about twenty schools while the other reached the semi-finals. What really impressed me was the level of teamwork and sportsmanship that exists among our children and the way in which they all encouraged one another.

On a completely different matter, I have received a number of comments from parents about adults who smoke near the school entrance. While I do not wish to be drawn into a debate on the health issues, I would like to point out that we as adults are role models to our young children and I would respectfully request that parents do not smoke near to the entrance of the school, as this is not fair to the children or those who do not smoke.

Finally, as you will see on the Dates for your Diary section we are looking forward to holding a Picnic Lunch (weather permitting) for parents and children on Friday 10th June which is the final weekend of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. I am sure you have already seen many of the celebrations that have taken place over Her Majesty's Birthday weekend and we would like to play our part in the celebration of thanks for her service.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School notices and Trip letters

Please could any outstanding consent forms and fees for trips be handed in to the School Office.

Dates for your diary

Fri 29th April
End of Academy Consultation

9th – 12th May
KS2 SATs

Wed 8th June
Family First Aid starts

Fri 10th June
Family Picnic Lunch

TERM DATES

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

This week 176 children met their weekly reading target! 142 exceeded their reading target. This takes our total reading minutes (including our target reading), since the competition started to 73050 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: Eagles with 56%

KS2: Kestrels with 85% WOW!

Congratulations to both classes!

Attendance

Well done to **Kites** class who achieved **99.6%** attendance in the week ending 22nd April.

Whole school attendance to 22nd April was **94.5%**.

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



This week's collective worship focus is:

RESPONDING TO WISE ADVICE

Above all else,
guard your heart, for
everything you do
flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23

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: Riley O, **Otters:** Lex W, **Owls:** George C, **Kites:** Roxy P, **Birch:** Kiaran D, **Maple:** Nicole H, **Chestnuts:** Ellie W



Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Carmela Q, **Badgers:** Eva A, **Eagles:** Sharna J, **Kestrels:** Isobel C, **Willow:** Rhys J, **Rowan:** Grace H



Nicholas Bear awarded to...Squirrels

Pent Valley Technology College

You will be aware that the County Council has been consulting on the possible closure of Pent Valley. The final decision has now been made and the School will close in two phases:

1. On 31 August 2016 to all pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and some sixth formers.
2. On 31 August 2017 to Year 10 and the Sixth Form students who will complete the second year of their programme of study in the next academic year (the only exception to this is those studying Hair and Beauty who will transfer to Folkestone Academy).

The LA will continue to work closely with Pent Valley, Folkestone Academy, Brockhill Park and East Kent College to ensure all transferring pupils are well supported.

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

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