

Monday 9th May 2016
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is the start of the national Year 6 children's KS2 SATs tests. Year 2 children have already started the new testing arrangements that have been put in place by the Government. We want all our children to do well and we wish them all the very best during this time.

We received a monitoring visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors before the Bank Holiday. We should receive a letter from HMI soon informing us of their judgment of our progress since the Ofsted inspection. While I am pleased with the way things continue to move forward there is clearly still much to do. Nonetheless our commitment towards ensuring progress alongside the provision of a high quality of education has not diminished.

The school has completed its first whole school anti-bullying survey and members of the school council along with Miss Franks and I will review the findings to ensure school is both a safe and enjoyable place for all our pupils.

All School Councillors will have the opportunity to discuss, with their class, the findings of the survey and review what we, as a school, can do to improve things even further. This will include discussion on the introduction of initiatives such as peer mentors, structured activities, friendship benches and online safety training as well as many other things which the children themselves will no doubt come up with.

While it is always daunting for parents to have to read about anti bullying messages in school literature, it is important that all members of our school community understand we are committed to stamping out all forms of inappropriate behaviour while being open about our policies. I am confident that behaviour in the school has really improved and the processes in place are now more robust than ever.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School Dinners

All school meals have to be paid for on a Monday regardless of the day they are having dinner. No child can be served a meal without prior payment.

Please send payment into school on a Monday morning with your child's name, class and dates they are having a dinner. Payments may also be made at the start of each term if preferred. Any dinners not taken due to absence will be carried forward. **If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Caterlink.**

School meals are £2.20 per day and £11.00 per week.

We would like to remind parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 that the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' continues to remain in place. If your child is in one of these year groups but does not take advantage of the scheme, now is a perfect time to sample the menu!

Dates for your diary

9th – 12th May
KS2 Year 6 SATs

Wed 25th May
Fire safety talks to pupils

Fri 27th May
End of term 5

Mon 6th June
Children return to school

Wed 8th June
Family First Aid starts

Fri 10th June
Family Picnic Lunch

Fri 24th June
French Link School to visit year 4/5 children

TERM DATES

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

Last week 169 children met their weekly reading target! 139 exceeded their reading target. This takes our total reading minutes (including our target reading), since the competition started to 81298 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

KS2: Chestnuts

Congratulations to both classes!

Attendance

Well done to classes Otters who achieved 98.4% attendance in the week ending 6th May.

Whole school attendance to 6th May was 95.4%.

Please remember to call the schools absence line if your child is unwell, this will mean that we have an up-to-date record of your child's absence and it will not require us to have to contact or disturb you. The absence line number is – 01797 363118

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.



This weeks collective worship focus is:
RESPONDING TO OTHERS AS OUR FRIENDS

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God

MICAH 6:8

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:** Daniel P-D, **Owls:** Jeylan M, **Kites:** Hayden K, **Birch:** Emily H, **Maple:** Jake M, **Chestnut:** Jessica M



Work to be proud of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Sophie B, **Badgers:** Amiee B-C, **Eagles:** Amie C, **Kestrels:** Harry D, **Willow:** Casper G, Jake M, George C, Charlie R, **Rowan:** Ryen M
Nicholas Bear awarded to KITES CLASS

Bishop of Dover visits St Nicholas



We were delighted to receive a visit from The Bishop of Dover, Bishop Trevor, to St Nicholas. The Bishop spoke to us about how the way we look and feel is often transmitted into the way we behave towards one another. He said that we need to try and keep control of our thoughts and feelings sometimes so as not to cause upset to others. The Bishop visited all of the classes and met with the School Council.



Bishop Trevor with members of the School Council

Governor Nominations

Last week we wrote to parents asking you to consider the role as parent governor. Some parents said they would like to know more about the role and position so we have invited Nicholas Morgan, Schools Officer from the Diocese, along with Lorraine Balcombe – Chair of the IEB to meet with parents on **FRIDAY 13th May at 2.30pm** to answer any questions you may have about the role of governor.

