

Monday 16th May 2016
St Nicholas Church of England (Controlled)
Primary School - Weekly Newsletter
Headteacher: Christopher Dale



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I informed everyone in last week's newsletter, we received our first HMI monitoring visit after our Inspection in the Autumn. The official letter outlining the outcomes of the first monitoring visit is available with today's newsletter.

The lead inspector, Mrs Siân Thornton HMI, recognised the schools action plan as being fit for purpose and closely aligned to the schools Statement of Action. Below is a summary of the feedback received by Governors, senior leaders and officers from the local authority:

- The school's calm and purposeful atmosphere reflect the high standards for behaviour and courtesy which have been established. - This is an area we will continue to work on.
- The school's plan addresses all the areas for improvement identified by the inspection, allocates clear responsibilities to staff and governors and includes ambitious timescales
- The school has improved the way they assess and record pupils' achievement. Leaders and teachers are using this information increasingly well to check pupils' progress and when they plan for pupils' next steps in learning.
- The Interim Executive Board remains a significant strength. Governors know the school well.

While much has been accomplished, there continues to be a drive amongst the whole staff in continuing to pushing up the standards and outcomes for all pupils across the school. To be successful in this we need to continue to rely on the support of parents in encouraging their children to do the basics well, such as reading regularly and making sure children practise their times table facts and clued spellings as often as possible. By working together, we will make a difference.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

BINGO FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Abacus Nursery and St Nicholas School are hosting a joint fundraising evening for the children and families in our community.

This is an adult only event and will take place on **FRIDAY 20th MAY** at St Nicholas Primary School Infant Hall. **7.30pm for 8.00pm start.**

Please bring along your own nibbles, drinks and glasses!



To Book a table please call **01797 369287**

Dates for your diary

Wed 18th May –
Mums 'Bums 'n Tums'
Littlestone Beach Park
11.00am

Fri 27th May –
Messy Church at 3.15pm

Fri 3rd June
Family London Coach
Trip – Tickets £10.50 –
Tickets still available.
See FLO for info

Wed 8th June –
Y6 Trip to London.

Family First Aid Training
9.30am (1 of 3)

Fri 10th June –
Queens 90th Birthday
Lunch – parents
welcome

Wed 15th June – Family
First Aid Training
9.30am (2 of 3)

Wed 22nd June –
Family First Aid Training
9.30am (3 of 3)

Fri 24th June –
French partner school
visiting year 4 & 5

PTFA Bring A Gift non
uniform day

Friday 1st July –
PTFA Summer Fayre

TERM DATES 2016

Term 5
Ends - Fri 27th May

Term 6
Starts - Mon 6th June
Ends - Thurs 21st July

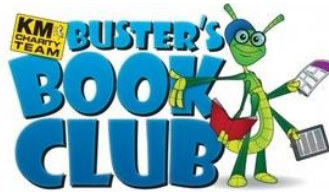
INSET Day

The school is closed to
children on this date

Friday 8th July

Busters Book Club

Another great week of reading with 133 children meeting their reading target and 110 of those exceeding their targets. We have reached the record challenge of achieving over 2 million reading minutes across schools in Kent. Well done!



WINNING CLASSES THIS WEEK

Foundation & KS1: - *With greatest improvement of children reading:*

SQUIRRELS

KS2: - *with greatest amount of readers in all KS2 classes:* **KITES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

Attendance

Well done to Maple class who achieved 98.8% attendance in the week ending 13th May.

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: Dolly D, **Badgers:** Boglar B-G, **Eagles:** George G, **Kestrels:** Owen S, **Willow:** Ethan C

Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels: Logan O, Harry D & Louie S,

Otters: Lucy B, **Owls:** Samuel K, **Kites:** Hudson L, **Birch:** Danny-Jay L
Maple: Ellie S



Nicholas Bear awarded to...HEDGEHOGS & SQUIRRELS!



This weeks collective worship focus is:

PENTECOST

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:22

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.



The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration.

To commemorate The Queen's 90th Birthday, we are holding a 'street party' in school on **Friday 10th June**. The school dinners on this day will be "picnic" themed. All children entitled to a either a Free School Meal or Universal Free School Meal will be provided with lunch on the day. For all other children who would like to have a school lunch the cost will be £2.20. In addition the school will be providing ice cream for all the pupils. **Please see your invitation and lunch booking form.**

A BIG Well done!

Two members of staff at St Nicholas have received notification that their hard work and dedication has been recognised following nomination in the *2016 Kent Teacher of the Year Awards*. Although not winners, both members of staff, Mr B. Maher and Mrs J. Arnold have been Highly Commended. The nominations came from parents or pupils and are a positive endorsement of the value placed upon them within our school community.

The Licensing of Revd John Richardson

On Monday 9th May members of the school community joined the service for the licensing of Revd John Richardson as assistant priest to work alongside Rev Julie Coleman, priest-in-charge.

Revd John has recently moved from his parish in Thanet and is Chair of the Aquila Academy group of schools which the school will join in June. We look forward to seeing him at the school.

Middy Meals Supervisors

We would like to welcome 3 new members of staff to our lunchtime team of Middy Supervisors – They are Mrs Day, Miss Judge and Miss Lee.



Governors – All those who would like to take part in governor nominations must return their nomination by **Tuesday 17th May 2016**