

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a very busy first week back after the holiday break. We had a splendid turn out of parents at the consultation evening last week. We do hope that you have a good idea of how your child is currently progressing at this stage of the school year. Much of the feedback from teachers is that parents felt they wanted more guidance on issue of what timetables or spellings their child should be doing. We have always tried to keep parents up to date with this information and will be adding this to class blog pages so we are able to help with this.

I would like to wish year 6 a good time as they go off on their Outdoor Adventurous Activity Week, this week. The children will be accompanied by staff from across the school so some classes will have a different teacher over the course of the next week. I am sure parents from all year groups see the benefit of such an activity.

As I highlighted in previous newsletters, I was delighted with the response we received from parents in helping the staff and governors choose the new values for the school. The values chosen by parents were:

- Ambition
- Community
- Friendship
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Trust

These values will be built into the heart of everything that we do at St Nicholas from now on and will be closely linked to Christian values of living, while at the same time developing the children to become successful learners ready to take their place in the world.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**Stay and Learn Sessions**

Over the next 2 weeks Year R parents will have the opportunity to take part in stay and learn sessions. The dates are:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Sessions start at the beginning of the school day and finish at approx 9.20am. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this event. Year 1 sessions will take place after Christmas, watch out for the dates.

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Yr 6 Residential Week at Kingswood

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Yr 5 Canterbury Cathedral Visit pupils to be at School for 8am arrive back at approx. 3.30pm

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Open Day Tours for Sept 2017 entrants** at 9.30am & 1.30pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Children in Yr 6 back from residential

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Anti Bullying Activities Week – see details over page

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Children in Need Day – Non-uniform suggested donation of £1 to Children in Need

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Year R Stay & Learn session – 8.50am – 9.20am

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**POPPY APPEAL**  
**2016**

*This year we are collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Please may we suggest a donation of £1 per Poppy.*



## House Points - week ending 4/11/16

St Augustine	441	St Nicholas	497
St George	478	St Peter	376

### Busters Book Club

Last week we were looking for the highest percentage of Readers in each class.

In KS1, **Badgers had 54%** of the class as readers this week

In KS2, **Birch had an enormous 94%** of the class as readers – A big well done though to **Chestnuts** who were right behind them - the only children who didn't get results recorded were the ones who were absent!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES**

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

School attendance is vital for young people to reach their full potential and is therefore a priority for St Nicholas Academy. We are constantly monitoring pupil attendance and want to work together with parents to help ensure excellent attendance and punctuality.

**As a safeguarding procedure, we will telephone all those whose children are not in school on the day, so please ensure that you let the school office know if your child is sick.** If we have concerns around your child's attendance, you will be asked to provide medical evidence of your child's sickness. *Please also remember that our doors open at 8.35 and the school day starts at 8.45 – being in school on time ensures that your child is ready to start the day the right way.*

**Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96%.**

Well done to the following classes who achieved best % attendance in the week ending 4<sup>th</sup> November:

- Maple - 99.2%
- Hedgehogs – 98.9%

The Class with the best punctuality was Badgers with no lates.

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

**Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs:** Jessica H,

**Badgers:** Amber-Elaine C, **Eagles:** Sydney C, **Kestrels:** Angel P,

**Birch:** Isabel W, **Willow:** Logan S, **Rowan:** Kai P



**Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels:** Harry C, **Otters:**

Brylie H, **Owls:** Lottie L, **Kites:** Peggy B, **Chestnut:** Lauren A,

**Maple:** Isabelle K, **Beech:** Riley A



**Nicholas Bear was awarded to... Birch!**

### Buster Book Club competition

Next week we will be looking to choose the top 100 readers from across the school to take part in a competition with the 3Rs Teacher Supply Agency.

It is 3Rs 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and to celebrate we have been chosen as a school to take part in a balloon release. 100 children will be chosen to take part by using Buster's book club readers, those with most minutes read will take part. The balloon which travels the furthest will win a selection of books for their class.



This weeks collective worship focus is:  
**REMEMBRANCE**

Greater love has no one than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends.

**John 15:13**

### Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

For Pre-school Children, Parents & Carers – we meet every Wednesday, 1.45pm – 2.45pm, weekly during term times for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

### 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.

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## Whole School Anti Bully Week

Next week (14/11/16) is National Anti-bullying week. At school children will discuss what bullying is, the different types of bullying and what to do if they think they, or someone else is being bullied.

There will be a number of activities taking place across the school over the next week.

- **Monday** - staff and pupils are invited to **come to school in non-Uniform wearing blue** to highlight how bullying makes you feel. (No charge – this day is designed to highlight how bullying makes people feel)
- **Tuesday** there will be a Theatre production for KS2 pupils highlighting the issues of bullying. This will be followed by workshop activities.
- **Wednesday** in assembly we will launch playground buddies to whole school and introduce worry boxes for pupils
- **Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will finish with 'Children in Need' Day and we will be asking for a **£1 donation** to wear home clothes.

In English learning, children will be looking at books by different authors which highlight the issues of bullying. There will also be a focus on e-safety and the value of being safe online and how to make sure we do not become the victims of online bullying.

Our aim is to make sure St Nicholas is a safe school where all its children are valued. This week is not aimed at children because we feel there is a problem – but rather at making sure this does not become a problem at all.

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