



Monday 9th January 2017
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.

Year 4 children looked wonderful in their Egyptian costumes for their Temples, Tombs and Treasures day. The Ancient Egyptian Workshop during the day was a huge hit with the children; they discovered hidden artefacts, explored aspects of ancient Egyptian life. The children also took part in a ceremony in which they chose a Pharaoh, killed a Pharaoh, mummified a Pharaoh and then had a funeral procession followed by a burial!

We also had a very productive week with the whole school text, 'The Papaya that spoke.' The children have already produced some great work and I look forward to seeing the children's own interpretations of the story this week. If you child has not already spoken to you about this – do ask them!

Last week we received the feedback from the parent questionnaire we sent out at the end of November. I will be writing to parents separately to share the outcomes of this questionnaire, much of which is positive there are of course some things in which we can also do better. My thanks again to everyone who completed the questionnaire. I look forward to sharing this soon.

As I promised last week there would be opportunity for parents to join us to find out more about how the children are taught at school. Below are details of the first of the courses we will be holding please do try and join in if you are able.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

'Keeping up with the children – Maths'

Would you like to know more about how your children learn maths and help them practise their maths skills?

- Learn more about how your children learn maths in school
- Make games and practical activities and discover new ways to support your children at home
- Understand the language of maths that your child learns at school and use new vocabulary
- Have fun, meet other parents/carers and share ideas?

If so this course is for you!

It will be held at school each **Wednesday starting 22nd February until Wednesday 29th March from at 9.00am to 11.00am**. Refreshments provided.

To book call/ text Lisa, our FLO on 07530113107 or leave a message at the school office. We would love to see as many of you as possible for this valuable training for parents.

Dates for your diary

Fri 16th Jan

KSG Mini Basketball
4pm – 6pm

Wed 18th Jan

KSG Handball
Qualifier 4pm – 6pm

Fri 20th Jan

Yr R, 1 & 2 Fun
Factory – please make
sure your child has a
PE kit in school

Tues 31st Jan

NSPCC Assembly
visits to KS1 & 2 pupils

**Week beginning the
6th Feb - E-Safety
Week**

Tues 7th Feb

Safer Internet Day

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 3

**Tues 3rd Jan – Fri
10th Feb 2017**

TERM 4

**Mon 20th Feb – Fri
31st March**

TERM 5

**Wed 19th April – Fri
26th May**

TERM 6

**Mon 5th June – Fri
21st July**

INSET DAYS

**School Closed to
Children**

Tues 18th April 2017

Mon 1st May

**Bank Holiday Monday
– school closed**

Busters Book Club

Last week we were looking for the highest number of additional minutes read in each class.

In KS1 **Otters** had 125 minutes of additional reading.

In KS2, **Beech** had 660 minutes of additional reading –

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

Well done to Lily H whose balloon went furthest in the “Balloon Release” before the holiday – Birch class will be receiving books for the class as a prize.



Collective Worship

This weeks collective worship focus is:
RESOLUTIONS

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:13

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.

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.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 96.2%.

Class attendance rates last week were:			
Hedgehogs	100%	Kites	96%
Squirrels	90.4%	Chestnut	95.8%
Badgers	96.9%	Birch	96.2%
Otters	98.4%	Maple	99%
Owls	97.4%	Willow	94.3%
Eagles	91.3%	Rowan	97.9%
Kestrels	96.2%	Beech	98.9%

The Class with the best punctuality was Hedgehogs with no Lates.

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

Times Tables Expectations

This evening, as well as having a copy via Parent Mail, each child will also be bringing home a paper copy of the expectations for knowing and understanding their times tables. Please do take the time to review the letter sent home and to make time to support your child with the learning of these important number facts.

At school we review the childrens knowledge of their timestables facts on a regular basis vis our bronze, silver and gold and beyond tablestests. Apart from knowing them for a test it also enables children to be much quicker in their day to day maths work if they are more secure in the tables facts.

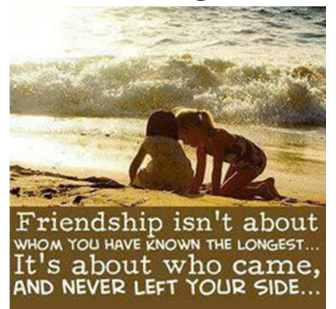
Star Awards - Star of the Week awards went to: Squirrels: Eileena-Mae G, **Otters:** Louie S, **Owls:** Amy L, **Kites:** Max C, **Birch:** Freya B-C, **Maple:** Lotti M, **Beech:** Rhys J



Work to be Proud Of awards went to: Hedgehogs: Amelia-Jane T, **Badgers:** Zac P, **Eagles:** Jordan L, **Kestrels:** Tallis S, **Chestnuts:** Faith G, **Willow:** Harry A, **Rowan:** Aaliyah S



Our Current Value is,
FRIENDSHIP



Nicholas Bear was awarded to...Badgers!

Admissions

Applications for children due to start primary school in September 2017 **close on 16 January 2017.**



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