



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a lovely but very cold week at St Nicholas last week. During this very cold weather, may I remind you to ensure your children are warmly dressed and that hats and gloves are worn to school – we had some children last week saying they left their coats in the car!

Many of you will have seen the newspaper reports last week in the Kentish Express reporting on the expansion of Marsh Schools. The Local Authority has requested that St Nicholas increase its pupil admission number from 54 to 60 for the academic year September 2018/2019. The school is currently working with the local authority to ensure that any expansion has a minimal impact on the quality of teaching and learning. As soon as we have any further details we will share this with parents.

Over the last few days we have hosted visits from both the Regional Schools Commissioners Office and the Diocese. Both groups visited to look specifically at learning environments and how we display our children's learning to show their learning journey. I am pleased that our visitors were very impressed and went away pleased with the progress the school is making. It is good to be able to share our children's learning with a wider audience.

In the coming weeks there are some important parent curriculum meetings taking place and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – Active Kids 2017**

Active Kids is back and with your help we will be able to provide our children with some fantastic new sports and cooking equipment and experiences - helping them to eat well, move well and live well.



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids 2017**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

**How do I take part?**

When you shop at Sainsbury's supermarket, Sainsbury's Local or Sainsbury's Petrol stations, collect your vouchers and pop them into the collection box at the school reception. You can donate your vouchers up until 30 June 2017. Let's get collecting!

**Dates for your diary**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

NSPCC Assembly visits to KS1 & 2 pupils

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Curriculum Fayre  
6pm – 7.30pm

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - E-Safety Week**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Safer Internet Day

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

E-safety presentation for parents – 2.15pm

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

NSPCC Danceathon & Mannequin challenge day

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Last day of term

**TERM DATES 2017**

**TERM 4**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**TERM 5**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**TERM 6**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**INSET DAYS**

**School Closed to Children**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

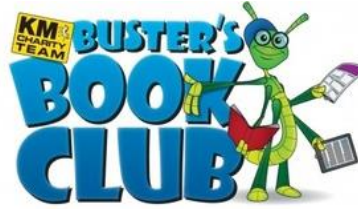
**Bank Holiday Monday – school closed**

## Illness

We have had reports of a stomach bug going around locally, a letter will come home with your child today. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea please ensure you do not bring your child into school for 48 hours after their symptoms.

## Buster's Book Club

Having relaunched Buster's Book Club with the pupils last week – children should have by now received their new minute minders to help record the number of minutes they have been reading - if your child has not yet collected theirs, please see the class teacher.



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

In KS1 Badgers, 54% this week

In KS2 Beech, 96% this week.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES

## CURRICULUM FAYRE

Would you like to win a family ticket for 4 to visit LEGOLAND and find out more about your child's curriculum at school?

Then we would like to see you at our Curriculum Fayre;  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY from 6.00pm to 7.30pm**

This will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about the way your child is taught and how you can help at home.

Sessions will focus on the way in which reading, writing, maths and phonics is taught across the school in the different year groups and there will be opportunity for parents to attend more than one session in case they have siblings across year groups.

**See you there and enter a FREE raffle to win a family ticket for 4 to LEGOLAND Windsor Resort**



## Star Awards –



**Star of the week awards went to:**

**Hedgehogs:** Lily-Mae B, **Badgers:** Joseph W, **Eagles:** George R,

**Kestrels:** Maddison R,

**Birch:** Hayden S, **Willow:** Alfie E, **Rowan:** Joseph J

**Work to be proud of awards went to:**

**Squirrels:** Ella R, **Otters:** Scarlett G, **Owls:** Rubie-May Y, **Kites:** Katie A, **Chestnuts:** Ryan L,

**Maple:** Loui-Joe N, **Beech:** Tilly-May L



This week's collective worship focus is:  
**REFLECTING ON HOW OTHERS TOUCH OUR LIVES**

Happy are the peacemakers, they will be called the children of God.

**Matthew 5:9**

## Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

Every Wednesday for Pre-school Children, Parents & Carers.

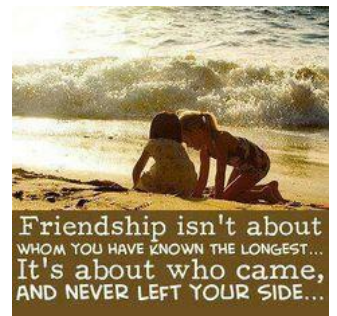
1.45pm – 2.45pm, for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

## 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.

Our Current Value is,  
**FRIENDSHIP**



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## E-SAFETY Presentation for Parents.



Young people have been born into a digital age. They use technology as part of their everyday lives. They can seem to be expert online, but young people do not have the life experience of adults and need your support.

You can help by talking and listening to your child about what they do online and providing unconditional support.

If you would like more help and advice on how to do this, join us on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm** where help and practical advice will be offered.

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## 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 96.1%.**

Class attendance rates last week - 27/1/17 - were:			
Hedgehogs	96.7%	Kites	96.8%
Squirrels	98.2%	Chestnut	94.8%
Badgers	93.8%	Birch	98.5%
Otters	90.8%	Maple	96.8%
Owls	99.1%	Willow	92.5%
Eagles	93.6%	Rowan	94.2%
Kestrels	92.3%	Beech	98.3%

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

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## 'Keeping up with the children – Maths' - Reminder

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 22<sup>nd</sup> February until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Starting 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.

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## Pencil Cases

All stationary for pupils is provided in the classroom. Children should not bring in to school pencil cases from home.

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## Parent Contact Information

Can parents please make sure the school office is informed of any changes to work, mobile or home telephone numbers as from time to time we may need to contact you.



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