



Monday 13th March 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Nicholas. Over the course of the last week we have introduced to the children a new reward system. A reward card was given out to every child in the school with the aim that we expect everyone to behave well and all learners should be rewarded for good work and behaviour. If a poor choice is made and unacceptable behaviour displayed, then we will inform parents via a letter home. The aim of the new system is to reward children 'who regularly do the right thing.' All too often the children who are not following the school expectations are rewarded for behaviour which the majority follow throughout.

We have asked the children for their ideas for some of the rewards that should be on offer, we will of course start with small prizes but as children move through their reward card, we would like their achievement to be recognised.

We will continue to review this new system, but we are hopeful that it will be a continued improvement on learning behaviours already shown across the school.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

British Science Week

All this week is British Science week and at St Nicholas we have lots of fantastic activities planned to celebrate this. The theme for British Science week 2017 is "Change", encouraging pupils to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world around us from the seasons and climate to materials and energy.



The activities taking place across the school will include;

- Year R Oobleck slime for early years
- Year 1 Catch a rainbow
- Year 2 Kitchen Chemistry
- Year 3 Oobleck slime
- Year 4 & 5 Making a rubber ball
- Year 6 Erupting Fizz

Not to mention the whole school activities of 'Changing like the wind' 'Creating a Wind Turbine' and whole school Rocket launching!

We are grateful for the support of the EDF energy guides during our science week and their very kind donation of £500

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 13th March – Science week, all week.

Tues 14th March
Year 1 & 2 Football

Wed 15th March
Pop Lacrosse 3:30 – 5:30pm

Thurs 16th March
Badgers visiting Pizza Express – be at school for 8.30am
Year 5 BoxFit 1.20pm onwards – Need PE Kit in school
Year 6 Sailing

Tues 21st March
Class Photos – Children in Full School uniform please.

Thurs 23rd March
Otters visiting Pizza Express – be at school for 8.30am

Fri 24th March – PTFA
Bring a Chocolate Gift Day

TERM DATES

TERM 4
Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st March

Children return to school on Wednesday 19th April

INSET DAY

Tues 18th April 2017
School Closed to Children

House Points - week ending 10/3/17

Last week's winners.

St Augustine	486	St Nicholas	360
St George	498	St Peter	397

Share Aware – Online safety advice for parents

In today's hyper-connected world, it's never been more important for parents to keep their tech-savvy kids safe online. Most parents agree that the benefits of the internet outweigh the potential risks, but many struggle to know where to turn for trusted sources of advice and support to keep their families safe online.

The NSPCC have launched the Share Aware campaign to help parents keep their children safe when socialising online. It provides simple advice to help parents

untangle the web, understand how their children are interacting online and feel more confident discussing online safety. A copy of this leaflet is being sent home with this week's newsletter.



Buster's Book Club

Badgers were winners in KS1 with 212 extra minutes read.

Winners in KS2 are **Maple** with 1280 extra minutes read.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CLASSES



Ten Million Minutes Reading Challenge.

Please remember to keep up with the Reading Challenge this week – the children should have all brought their book marks home

over the weekend to record the number of minutes they have been reading – if they haven't already please make sure they send their book marks in! The Challenge ends this Wednesday.



Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to:



Squirrels: Harley S, **Otters:** Neil S, **Owls:** Maya M, **Kites:** Joshua L, **Chestnut:** Alannah W, **Maple:** George R, **Rowan:** Jack M-G

Work to be proud of awards went to:

Hedgehogs: Maisy R, **Badgers:** Alex H, **Eagles:** Ruby L,

Kestrels: Angel P, **Willow:** Madison C



NICHOLAS BEAR was awarded to: Hedgehogs and Squirrels class

Last week at St Nicholas...

Pupils enjoyed a really exciting visit from the Google Expeditions Pioneer VR Programme. 300 pupils had the unique opportunity to try learning with Virtual Reality content for use in the classroom and more than 10 adventurous teachers took part in the day.

Experiences included a virtual field trip to the Amazon Rainforest, Mount Everest Base camp,



This term's collective worship focus is:
FORGIVENESS

'If you **forgive** others the wrongs they have done you, your Father in heaven will also **forgive** you'

Matthew 6.14

Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church

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

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

Our Current Value is,
FRIENDSHIP



Friendship isn't about WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN THE LONGEST... It's about who came, AND NEVER LEFT YOUR SIDE...

The pyramids in Egypt, The Great Wall of China and a tour of the human intestinal tract!
It was a great learning opportunity for many of our children.



SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – Active Kids 2017

Please remember to drop your vouchers into the collection box at the school reception.
Thank you.



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