



Monday 24th April 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable break and would like to welcome you back. Many thanks to all those families who joined us at our Family Easter Service last week.

The children have had a very settled and focused start to the term and they are really enjoying immersing themselves in their new units of learning. Make sure you look out for updates in the year group pages of the school website, so that you can find out what your child will be learning about and how to support them.

This term is set to be a very busy term again for certain year groups with SATs, phonics and end of EYFS assessments. My best wishes to the pupils of those year groups.

Parents of children in years 1, 4 and 5 should have all received their reports last Friday. I was pleased in my reading of the reports over the Easter Holiday to see that so many pupils are making good progress and that effort grades are showing that children are trying their hardest. As with everything though, there are still those who could be trying a little harder. I was surprised to see that in each of the classes there were always six or seven children who had *behaviour* or *home learning* grades of 3 or less. This is something I would hope parents would support the school in seeking to improve, as this is clearly not showing the effort required.

In the reports, teachers also set targets for improvement for children such as additional reading or times table's knowledge, if we work together on these areas pupils will be able to perform so much better in maths, reading and writing. For those who have parent teacher consultations this week, I hope the targets for your children are as clear.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

PTFA Easter Fayre

A huge thank you to all those who attended the Easter Fayre on the last day of term. You raised an enormous £1300.

As ever this would not be possible if it was not for the hard work of members of the PTFA and those who help on the day, along with the generosity of those who send in prizes and attend the event itself.

Our thanks go to Amanda Taylor who is standing down as Chair of the PTFA this term. She has given of her own time selflessly during the time she has served and we thank her for her part in raising valuable funds for the children of St Nicholas.

Dates for your diary

Tues 25th April

Parent Teacher consultations for years R, 2, 3 & 6.

Thurs 27th April

Parent Teacher consultations for years R, 2, 3 & 6.

Mon 1st May

No School – May Day Bank Holiday.

Week beginning Mon 8th May

KS2 SATs Week

Mon 15th May & Wed 17th May

New Intake 'Stay & Play' Sessions from 1:45pm onwards. Sessions run for 6 weeks.

Fri 26th May

End of term 5

Mon 5th June

Return to School

House Points - week ending 21/4/17

Last week's winners.

St Augustine	375	St Nicholas	349
St George	344	St Peter	416

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 95.5%.

Class attendance rates up to the end of last term were:			
Hedgehogs	93.3%	Kites	90.6%
Squirrels	99.2%	Chestnut	99.4%
Badgers	93.3%	Birch	100%
Otters	97.9%	Maple	100%
Owls	95.7%	Willow	96.7%
Eagles	98.6%	Rowan	95.8%
Kestrels	95.1%	Beech	100%

Summer Term Reading Challenge

This term we have 2 Fire for Kids Tablets (complete with subscription to Fire for Kids Unlimited) to give away in our Summer Reading Challenge.



+ 1 Year Subscription to
Fire for Kids Unlimited



- Last week, every child was given a Summer Reading Challenge Booklet.
- Every time your child reads his/her **school** book, the booklet is signed by an adult. At the same time, their reading record will also need to be updated and signed.

It is important that both books are signed.

- Once a week, your child's teacher will check the booklets and reading records. Every child who has read at least 5 times will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into the prize draw at end of the term in July.
- If you have any questions regarding the Reading Challenge, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Longman.

Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to:



Squirrels: Cayla R, **Otters:** Harry D, **Owls:** Boglar B-G,
Kites: Natacha L, **Chestnuts:** Alannah W, **Maple:** Luke H,

Work to be proud of awards went to:

Hedgehogs: Amber H-M, **Badgers:** Jacob R, **Eagles:** Lola B,
Birch: Valentine L, **Willow:** Danny-Jay L, **Rowan & Beech:**
everybody.



This term's collective
worship focus is:
SERVICE

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

Matthew 6.14

Our Current Value is,
COMMUNITY

"Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,
**What are you
doing for
others?"**
- Martin Luther King, Jr

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

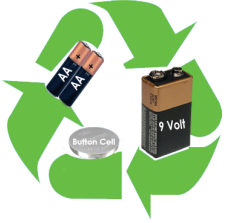
1.45pm – 2.45pm, for
Food, Fun and Fellowship.

**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.





“POWER UP TO RECYCLING CHALLENGE”

This year the school has registered in **the KCC Power up to Recycling Scheme** which is aimed at encouraging pupils, parents and staff to bring as many used batteries as possible into school for recycling. The more batteries we collect, the greater the number of rewards we can claim for the school. The scheme will run from 1st May 2017 to 1st December 2017

Last week at St Nicholas...

The children were visited by James Sheridan from Shepway Sports Trust. James has been competing in the sport of Bike Trials for 10 years and has achieved some great results; 4 times British Champion and two times European Champion. In this time, James has been sponsored by some of the biggest bike trial brands in the world. As a Shepway Sports Trust Ambassador, James is committed to inspiring young people to take up sport.

The values that he exhibited in his presentation highlighted the importance of our school’s values. The need for determination (our value of **perseverance**) to carry on to get to your goals. Always setting yourself new challenges (**ambition**) and a huge element of **trust** as you can see below when he was jumping over his colleagues. Our values link fully into real life and learning.



2017 SATS TIMETABLE - The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from **Mon 8 May to Thurs 11 May 2017.**

Date	Activity
Monday 8 th May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 th May 2017	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: Questions English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 2: Spelling
Wednesday 10 th May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 11 th May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning



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