

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**St Nicholas CE Primary Academy**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Headteacher: Christopher Dale**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was another busy week at St Nicholas last week and I find it hard to believe we are already half way through the term.

The children in Year 6 have their SATs week this week and Year 2 will be carrying out their assessments all the way through the month of May.

Last week the pupils in Year 5 started their rehearsals for the Marsh JAM singing initiative which will culminate in a performance to parents and the wider community along with 5 other schools on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – please do put the date in your diary and we look forward to you joining us.

**Head Lice**

We have had quite a few cases of head lice in both KS1 and KS2. Please can you check your child's head over the coming weekend. Various treatments are available to buy over the counter or, try the easier cheaper way, with conditioner and a nit comb. Remember the whole family need treating not just the infected child.

**School Uniform**

Over the last week a number of children have had to be spoken to with regard to not wearing school uniform. Please can I remind parents that we endeavour to apply strictly to the uniform code to ensure no child stand out from their peers. May I also remind parents that children should not wear Heelys to school. No matter how much children reassure their parents they won't use the wheels the temptation is nearly always far too great!

**Advanced Notice**

Parent teacher consultations for Years 1, 4 & 5 will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please make a note of these dates – we had a very good turnout recently with the other year groups. We will be in touch shortly about making your appointment bookings.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

**House Points** - week ending 5/5/17

Last week's winners.

St Augustine	377	St Nicholas	357
St George	380	St Peter	293

**Dates for your diary**

**Week beginning Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATs Week

**Week beginning Mon 15<sup>th</sup> / Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May**

New Intake 'Stay & Play' Sessions 1:45pm onwards

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May**

End of term 5

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Children return to School



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

**Stepping Stones at St Nicholas Church**

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

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

## 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 5/05/2017 were:			
Hedgehogs	89.8%	Kites	89.7%
Squirrels	93.2%	Chestnut	98.1%
Badgers	87.0%	Birch	95.7%
Otters	96.4%	Maple	92.2%
Owls	94.6%	Willow	94.5%
Eagles	95.7%	Rowan	92.2%
Kestrels	95.4%	Beech	100%

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.**

## Star Awards - Star of the week awards went to:



**Squirrels:** Lily P, **Otters:** Evie K, **Owls:** Sophie L, **Kites:** Harry E,  
**Chestnut:** Erin H, **Maple:** Max C, **Rowan:** Ross S-S



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

**Hedgehogs:** Frankie C, **Badgers:** Zac P, **Eagles:** Lily-May S-R,

**Kestrels:** Max L, **Birch:** Kai A, **Willow:** Lucy B,

## Year 5 Parents/Carers -

### Transfer to Secondary School 2018 – Kent Grammar School Tests

Kent's Secondary Transfer Scheme 2018 has now been determined and the arrangements for the Kent Grammar School Testing are as follows:

**Registration opens:** 1 June 2017

**Registration closes:** 3 July 2017

**Tests for children in Kent Primary Schools:** 7 September 2017

**Assessment decision letter sent to parents:** 12 October 2017

A leaflet will come home with your child today with information regarding the Kent Grammar School Tests.

## 'Keeping up with the children –ENGLISH

Is it all like 'Double Dutch' to you?

Would you like to help your children with their English and literacy and understand a bit better what they're doing at school?

Then why not join our "Keeping Up With the Children" English Group, every Wednesday at school. Its on 9am-11am with tea/coffee and "English" in a relaxed, friendly environment. This could lead to a GCSE equivalent qualification later, if you wanted it to....or just come along for the fun times!

**To book your place call/text Lisa FLO on 07530 113107**

## 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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