



Friday 16th June 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 again this week.

Next week is book week. We are delighted to welcome two very well-known and respected authors and storytellers join us, Brian Moses and Charlie Wilson. Brian has had over 200 published works, written anthologies and is well known as a children's poet. Before becoming a story teller, Charlie was a teacher of English and Drama for 15 years. Now as a story teller, he has visited thousands of primary schools and entertained and inspired children with his magical storytelling. We hope that over the book week the children will enjoy being with both our visitors and learn more about what makes a good story and how to write and tell one.

Don't forget our book week starts next Monday – **19th June** – with Book Character Day – we look forward to being able to share with parents all the different picture of different characters children may come as.

I would like to remind parents of children in Year 6 who will be starting at the Marsh Academy in September that the Open Evening takes place on Monday 19th June with arrival from 5.15pm

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Sports Day.



This year Sports Day will take place for Years 1 to 6 on Tuesday 27th June and should start at approximately 9.30am. The children will be competing in their House Teams, so we would like children to wear t-shirts in the colour of the House they belong to for the day. Parents will be welcome to join us after the sporting events and have a picnic

from 12 noon onwards – we do hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for this event.

EYFS will have their sports day on Friday 30th June at 9.30am when we hope all Early Years parents will be able to join us for this. We would like the Early Years parents to also join us and their children for the picnic on the 27th.

The Marsh Olympics' will take place on Friday 30th for children in Years 4, 5 and 6

House Points - week beginning 12/6/17

Last week's winners were...

St Augustine	798	St Nicholas	832
St George	671	St Peter	834

Dates for your diary

June 2017

Mon 19th
BOOK WEEK - Book Character Dress up day. See leaflet sent home

Year 5 Bikeability Group 1
 New Intake 'Stay & Play' Session 1.45pm

Tues 20th
Year R School Trip to Wingham.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament - 3.00pm

New Intake 'Stay & Play' Session, 1.30pm. (week 5 of 6)

Year 5 Bikeability Group 2

Wed 21st
 Book fair open 3.00 to 3.30pm

Thurs 22nd
 Year 4 Stand Up Paddle Boarding Group 3

Book fair open 3.00 to 3.30pm

Book week PJ story evening 6 to 7pm

Mon 26th
 New Intake 'Stay & Play' Session 1.45pm (week 6 of 6)

Year 3 Boxing — week 4

Tues 27th
SPORTS DAY & Family Picnic – morning event
 Cricket at Three Hills Sports Park 3pm

Wed 28th
 Netball Kent Finals at Rainham 10am - 3.30pm

JAM Festival rehearsals Year 5

New Intake 'Stay & Play' Session, 1.30pm. (week 6 of 6)

Thurs 29th
 Year 4 Stand Up Paddle Boarding Group 4

Fri 30th
 Marsh Olympics — KS2

PTFA Summer Fayre
 3pm onwards

Registering for the Kent Test – Year 5 parents

If you want to apply for a Year 7 place at a Kent Grammar School, you can now register your child for the Kent Test. The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child. You can register for the Kent Test online up to 3 July 2017. Follow the link to website for further information - <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

This year of the children who sat the Kent Test 55% of pupils passed either the Kent or Shepway test. Next year's test will take place on **Thursday 7th September 2017**.

The grammar schools hold open evenings for parents considering a grammar school place for your child. If you are thinking about sending your child to a grammar school, it would be wise to try and attend one of the following open evenings.

Folkestone School for Girls (01303 251125) **Thursday 29th June** 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Harvey Grammar School (01303 252131) **Wednesday 5th July** 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Open Day tour on the mornings of Thurs 6th or Fri 7th July 2017. Please contact The Harvey Grammar School office to arrange.

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.

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

Our whole-school attendance so far this year – 95.5%.

Class attendance rates up to the end of last week were:			
Hedgehogs	94.3%	Kites	97.4%
Squirrels	96.8%	Chestnut	96.3%
Badgers	93.2%	Birch	97.3%
Otters	99.1%	Maple	82.9%
Owls	94.1%	Willow	93.6%
Eagles	74.8%	Rowan	92.4%
Kestrels	97.7%	Beech	97.1%

Reminder

Please can I remind parents that the main school car park is not to be used at the beginning and end of the school day either by car or on foot. Thank you.



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This terms collective worship focus is:

RESPECT

“So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”

Matthew 7:12