

Monday 16th October 2017
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was another very busy week at St Nicholas. The Year 6 pupils travelled to London, went on the London Eye, visited the Imperial War Museum and completed learning linked to their topic. The Year 6 team have attached photos of the children's experiences at the end of the newsletter.

This week we would like to invite you to attend the Individual Parent Teacher Consultations. These meetings are a valuable chance to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled since the start of the year, review their progress and consider their next steps in their learning. I do hope you can attend. Further details are available below.

There is also an opportunity for Year R and KS1 parents to attend the next instalment of our READ, WRITE, INC meetings this week. On **Tuesday 17th October at 2pm** parents will have the chance to find out more about continuing to support their child at home as well as what the next steps are for us as a Read, Write, Inc school. Parents will also be able to meet our regional support leader Mr Nick Locke and Miss Common who will speak to parents about current developments. Refreshments will be available.

I really do hope Yr R and KS1 parents will attend this meeting to find out more about how they can support their child's learning and if you are worried that you missed one of the previous meetings - don't worry they will be providing parents with a recap.

I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe half term break next week.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 17th October** for pupil's individual photos. We would appreciate all children being in the correct school uniform. If you would like a photograph of your child with a younger pre-school/older sibling please go to the Den between 3pm & 3:30pm.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October.

Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher online via ParentMail.

Years R, 1, 2 (Hare) and Y5 parents evening is on Wednesday 18th October 3.30pm – 8pm and

Years R, 2 (Fox), 3, 4 and 6 parents evening is on Thursday 19th October 3.30pm - 8pm



Dates for your diary

Mon 16th Oct

Year 6 Secondary School Admissions Meeting
2.15pm

Tues 17th Oct

Whole School Photographer – all day.

Read, Write, Inc presentation to parents at 2pm for Year R and KS1 Parents

Wed 18th Oct

Parent Teacher Consultations

Tiempo Dance Fitness Years 3-6

Sports Crew Training at Marsh Academy 1-3pm

Thurs 19th Oct

Parent Teacher Consultations

Year R – Year 4 Flu Immunisations

Fri 20th Oct

End of term

Mon 30th Oct

Children return to school

Tues 31st Oct

2.15pm PTFA AGM – All Welcome

2018 Applications for secondary schools close at midnight

Wed 1st Nov

School Open Day. Tours taking place 10am, 2pm & 4:30pm

Fri 3rd Nov

Year 3 Skiing – Group 1

Week beginning 6th Nov

Year 6 residential to Kingswood

Thurs 9th Nov

Year 3 & 4 Squash Crazy 9am – 12pm

Mon 14th Nov

Anti Bullying week further details to follow

House Points - week ending 13/10/17

Last week's scores were...

St Augustine	280	St Nicholas	250
St George	270	St Peter	240

Attendance – Every Day Counts

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. The national expectation for attendance is currently 96% however at St Nicholas we aim to achieve 97%.

Our whole-school attendance so far this year is 95.9%.

Class attendance rates last week (13/10/17) were:			
Hedgehogs	97%	Beech	96.5%
Squirrels	85%	Birch	95.8%
Badgers	96.4%	Chestnut	80.8%
Otters	95%	Maple	94.4%
Hare	96.8%	Willow	96.7%
Fox	94.7%	Elm	98.3%
Rowan	99.5%	Oak	92.4%

The class with the best attendance last week in KS1 was Hedgehog and in KS2 was Rowan

The Classes with the best punctuality were Elm, Hare, Squirrels, Beech, Chestnut, Willow & Birch 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:

Squirrel: Rocco V, **Otter:** Millie-Grace S-R, **Fox:** Riley O, **Beech:** Ruby L, **Birch:** Morgan B, **Willow:** Leanne C, **Elm:** Joey C

Nicholas Bear was awarded to OTTER CLASS!

Oxford Owl

All of our children now have access to e-books on their tablets or computers – completely free of charge! For some of the stories, there is also an audio version so children can read along whilst listening to the story being read to them.

All you have to do is log onto the website: www.oxfordowl.co.uk. Login details are available from class teachers.



Brian Moses – childrens author.

This coming Wednesday (18th Oct) childrens' author, Brian Moses will be back to work with our pupils and schools across the Marsh District. Brian proved very popular with the children last year and many parents bought books from him. He will be available for book purchases again on Wednesday in the KS2 library area from 3pm onwards, books are approximately £5.99 each if pupils or parents are interested.

PTFA Reminder

The PTFA would like to invite any parents who wish to join the PTFA to attend the next meeting to be held on **Tuesday 31st October at 2.15pm at the school**. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will consist of the AGM followed by a normal PTFA meeting. There have already been some exciting suggestions for fundraising such as iPads/ICT equipment for the pupils and playground and sports markings. This meeting will provide an opportunity for any new parents to join and make suggestions for fundraising activities.

Shoe Boxes Needed Year 3 are doing a light topic next term and are in need of shoe boxes. If anyone has any lying around at home or are buying new shoes over half term please may year 3 have them at the beginning of next term. Thank you!



This term's collective worship focus is:

THANKFULNESS

"And give thanks for everything to God the Father..."

Ephesians 5:20

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.

Year 6 London Eye & Imperial War Museum Visit

